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Southeast Asia Fears Damage To Its Influence

Leaders at ASEAN Summit Call for Rebuilding Unity Amid Region's Economic Woes

By Michael Richardson

HANOI - Leaders of the Association of South East Asian Nations are warning that their organization is in danger of losing international influence as recession and financial turmoil remove its former high-growth luster and expose cracks in the group's once im-

pressive facade of unity.

Four of the nine heads of government taking part in the two-day ASEAN meeting here that began Tuesday. said the region was confronting a major credibility challenge. Others spoke in more general terms about the damage done to their economies and societies since the currency crisis started in Thailand in July 1997.

This crisis has not only dealt body blows to individual countries in the region," said President Joseph Estrada of the Philippines. "Doubts have been raised about the ASEAN spirit, about our solidarity, about our credibility." He described the crisis as the greatest challenge facing the group since its creation in 1967. A Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai of Thailand said the risis had raised questions about whether the association could regain its vitality, adding, "Some have gone so far as to write us off.'

He said the group needed to develop "new approaches and new thinking to keep up with the rapid pace of developments, both regionally and interna-

"If not," Mr. Chuan added, "we risk being left behind by other more dynamic and forward-looking regional groups around the world."

On Wednesday, ASBAN leaders will meet with Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi of Japan, Vice President Hu Jintao of China and President Kim Dae Jung of South Korea to discuss closer cooperation between Southeast and Northeast Asia in such areas as aid and

Officials said Japan would announce details of its \$30 billion aid program, known as the Miyazawa Plan, to help finance the recovery of East Asian nations hit

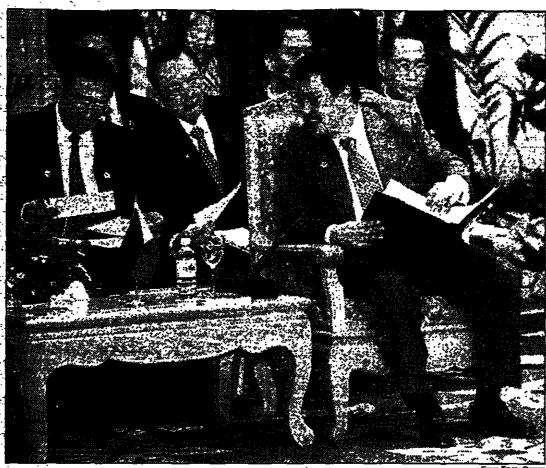
They said Mr. Hu was expected to unveil a Chinese proposal for a new East Asian forum that would enable the deputy finance ministers and deputy central banks governors from the ASEAN countries, China, Japan and South Korea to meet whenever necessary for talks

on financial and monetary policy.

"It could result in some useful consultations and possible coordination of monetary policy in the region, one Southeast Asian official said.

But in a reference to doubts about the association among Western and Asian countries that have close least two years before officials could detern ties with the group, Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong of whether there is positive and sustainable growth. Singapore cantioned at the opening of the summit talks that some of ASEAN's dialogue partners were quietly questioning its future.
"Some of them are taking us less seriously than

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President Joseph Estrada of the Philippines, right, conferring with Jose Pardo, his trade secretary, at the Association of South East Asian Nations summit meeting that began Tuesday in Hanoi.

Japan Calls for Currency Regime World Needs New 'Financial Architecture,' Miyazawa Says

TOKYO - Japan's finance minister called Tuesday for a "new international financial architecture" that would overhaul the way the International Monetary Fund works and allow a "managed flexibility" among the world's major currencies.

"Talk about reforming the international financial architecture should not be just a passing fancy," Kirchi Miyazawa, a 79-year-old veteran politician, told the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan.

Mr. Miyazawa called for studying creation of an "exchange-rate regime" that would "bring about great-rest-like-rate regime" that would "bring about great-rest-like-rate regime" that would "bring about great-rest-like-rate regime".

er stability on the one hand and needed flexibility on the other, among the yen, the U.S. dollar and the euro." Mr. Miyazawa said the recent Asian currency turmoil had revealed the risk of pegging regional currencies to a single foreign currency such as the dollar.

The finance minister also acknowledged that Japan's economy remained weak and said it would be at least two years before officials could determine

He said Japanese companies may start to "ruthlessly" cut jobs next year to cope with the recession, pushing up the country's record-high unemployment rate of 4.3 percent.

Noting that "the IMF is not very popular in this part of the world," Mr. Miyazawa said that in the absence of

an alternative institution, the IMF should be improved. He said the IMF needed improvement and that combining the agency with the World Bank "might be one way if it improves efficiencies."

While Mr. Miyazawa's remarks on a new exchangerate regime were not specific, analysts interpreted his remarks as backing the creation of a system of targeted bands within which currencies would trade. In Europe, Germany's finance minister, Oskar Lafontaine, created a controversy this autumn by calling for a managed exchange-rate regime.

Although it is a difficult challenge, we have to work hard to attain this 'managed flexibility' among the three currencies," Mr. Miyazawa added 'Setting a target zone may be useful in the short-to-

medium term. But macroeconomic cooperation would be needed for it to work," said Taisuke Tanaka, a global foreign-exchange strategist at Credit Suisse First Boston in Tokyo, "Japan has to first correct existing domestic and external imbalances before could consider such a step.

Mr. Miyazawa also said that countries across Asia should contribute to a new regional fund to protect their currencies and fight off speculators. Similar currency support funds could be used in Latin America

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Key Republicans Abandon Clinton

Survey Shows **Ambivalence** Of Americans

By Richard Morin and Claudia Deane Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton approaches his showdown with Republicans in the House of Representatives buoyed by strong job-ap-proval ratings but also facing the possibility that he may not be able to rally a scandal-weary public to save his embattled presidency, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll.

The survey shows that 6 in 10 Americans want the House to vote down the four articles of impeachment it will consider Thursday. But if the House goes the other way, an equally large majority, 58 percent, say Mr. Clinton should resign rather than fight removal in a

The conflicting attitudes found by the poll underscore the dangers that confront the president and congressional leaders in both parties. Most Americans remain only mildly attentive to the impeachment process; even those who try become confused or overwhelmed, making it difficult for politicians and

The gift of gab is gone. Page 3

polisters to predict public reaction to the events to come.

Betty Nevins, 61, a retired nurse in Gulf Shores, Alabama, is a Democrat who voted for Mr. Clinton twice. She does not want to see him impeached. In key ways, she seems precisely one of the oters Mr. Clinton is counting on to tell their representatives that they are outraged and want the process stopped.

But if the president is impeached by the House, Ms. Nevins says, he should resign. Among those who oppose impeachment, 4 in 10 say Mr. Clinton should resign voluntarily if impeached. "I think that this snowball thing needs to be ended as soon as it can," she said. According to the Post-ABC poll, 38 percent of respondents want the pres-ident to fight the charges in a Senate trial if impeached. Some observers cautioned against concluding too much from poll See POLL, Page 4

Momentum **Building for Impeachment**

By Brian Knowlton

WASHINGTON — In an ominous development for President Bill Clinton, several key Republican moderates in the House of Representatives added their voices Tuesday to the mounting calls for his impeachment.

Clearly, the momentum is in the direction of the House voting articles of impeachment," said Senator Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, an influen-

The White House has desperately sought to persuade some of the 20 to 24 undeclared Republicans to oppose impeachment in what is expected to be an extremely close vote in the House on Thursday or Friday.

But in the last two days more than a dozen previously undeclared Republicans have come out in favor of im-

peachment In a blow to White House hopes. Representative Nancy Johnson of Connecticut, co-leader of a group of moderate House Republicans, said Tuesday that she would vote to impeach President Clinton.

The president does not have the right to commit perjury when it is con-venient or when he thinks the charges against him are frivolous," Ms. Johnson

Another Republican, Representative Jay Dickey, who represents Mr. Clinton's home district in Arkansas, criticized the White House for what he said were scare tactics to influence his vote.

It is like a "tidal wave" against the president, said Harold Ickes, a Democratic consultant and Mr. Clinton's former deputy chief of staff. He said there was still a chance of stopping that tide, however.

But the latest Republican declarations left prospects sharply higher that the full House would approve at least one of the four articles of impeachment before it, in effect indicting the president and sending the case to the Senate for trial.

As representatives streamed back to Washington for party caucus meetings Wednesday and the historic debate to

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AGENDA U.S. Forces in Gulf Put on High Alert

WASHINGTON (Renters) — U.S. military forces in the Gulf have been placed on high alert based on "significant, credible evidence" of possible imminent terrorist action against Americans in the area, the

Pentagon said Tuesday.
The statement came a day after the State Department said that U.S. diplomats and citizens in seven Gulf states could be in danger from attack, possibly in the next 30

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U.S. Fails to Ensure Israeli Withdrawal

Clinton Leaves Region as He Found It

By Lee Hockstader Washington Post Service

JERUSALEM -- President Bill Clinton concluded a three-day visit to the Middle East on Tuesday that was rich in symbolism but short on tangible achievements, having failed to nudge Israel to resume the troop withdrawals from the West Bank that it agreed to in U.S.-brokered talks two months ago.

After a contentious three-way meeting Tuesday morning with the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahn, Mr. Clinton departed the region much as he found it on his arrival: with the peace process teetering and mistrust seething between Israelis and Palestinians.

If there was anything fundamentally changed in the dynamic of Middle East peacemaking as a result of Mr. Clinton's visit, it was new tension between the Clinton administration and the Israelis and, at the same time, an emerging partnership between Washington and the Palestinians that is more intimate than has ever been seen before. Mr. Netanyahu, who suspended further withdrawals two weeks

ago and set an obstinate tone with his remarks when Mr. Clinton stepped off Air Force One on Samrday, served notice Tuesday that he has no intention of carrying out the next troop pullback, scheduled for



Mr. Netanyahu, left, conferring with Mr. Clinton on Tuesday at Tel Aviv airport before the president left for Washington.

Friday, until the Palestinians meet a long list of requirements. some of which Washington plainly considers unreasonable

Mr. Clinton tried to put the best face on things, telling reporters that "the proof is always in what happens tomorrow, not what

But it was apparent that Mr. Netanyahu, fighting for his political

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Evenhanded Clinton, Receptive Palestinians

Effort to Reach Out Moves His Audience

By Howard Schneider

JERUSALEM - Over the years they have been heralded as revolutionary heroes and reviled as terrorists, but this week the Palestinians, at least for the moment, found their struggle for a homeland put on a par with that of Israel's, their right to land, and their autonomy affirmed by the world's

remaining superpower. Though President Bill Clinton's three-day visit here, which ended Tuesday, left the most difficult issues in the Middle East peace process unresolved, analysts and commentators in Israel and the Arab world agreed that the results were unambiguous in their boost to the Palestinian

struggle for recognition and eventual statehood.

While no one suggested that the United States was diminishing its long-standing support for Israel, Mr. Clinton's remarks were an "assertion of Palestinian rights, and will hopefully be translated into full support for Palestinian independence," said Nasser Qidweh, the Palestinian representative at the United Nations.

"We are profoundly affected and touched by the sincerity of the

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Did a Nobel Peace Prize Winner Stretch Truth?

Accounts in Autobiography of Guatemalan Indian Rights Activist Are Disputed

By Larry Rohter
New York Times Service

SAN MIGUEL USPANTAN, Guatemala — For Rigoberta Menchu, the painful road to world prominence began in this impoverished and isolated tangle of mountains, cloud forest and peasant hamlets. As winner of the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize, she has become an internationally acclaimed spokeswoman for - and symbol of the rights of indigenous peoples, based largely on her best-selling account of growing up here as an uneducated and oppressed member of the Quiche

In the autobiography "I, Rigoberta Menchu," first published in Spanish in 1983 at the height of Guatemala's brutal civil war; Miss Menchu, now 39, tells a wrenching tale of violence, destruction. misery and exploitation as moving and disturbing as a Victor Hugo novel. So powerful was the book's impact that it immediately transformed her into a celebrated and much-sought-after human rights campaigner and paved the way for her to win the Nobel Prize.

and the Story of All Poor Guatemalans," written episodes Miss Menchu related in the book were by an American anthropologist. Based on nearly a decade of interviews with more than 120 people and archival research, the anthropologist, David Stoll, concludes that Miss Menchu's book "cannot be the eyewitness account it purports to be" because the Nobel laureate repeatedly describes "experiences she never had herself."

[Alfonso Alem, executive director of the Rigoberta Menchu Foundation in Mexico City. said Tuesday that the claims made by Mr. Stoll "should not affect the legitimacy of the demands of the Indian people," The Associated Press

"This is a cause that the world recognizes as legitimate — not because of Rigoberta Menchu," Mr. Alem said.]

Using contacts provided by Mr. Stoll and others found independently. The New York Times conducted several interviews here earlier this month that yielded information that contradicts Miss Menchu's account

Relatives, neighbors, friends and former classmates, including an older brother and half-sister Rigoberta Menchu, the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize Key details of that story, though, are untrue, and four Roman Catholic nums who educated and laureate, speaking in Guatemala City this year. according to a new book, "Rigoberta Menchu sheltered her, indicated that many of the main

either fabricated or seriously exaggerated. As they recall it:

The land dispute central to the book was a long and bitter family feud that pitted her father against his in-laws, and not a battle against wealthy landowners of European descent who manipulated government agencies into trying to drive her father and other Indian peasants off unclaimed land that they had cleared and

 A younger brother whom Miss Menchu says she saw die of starvation never existed, while a second, whose suffering she says she and her parents were forced to watch as he was burned alive by army troops, was killed in entirely dif-ferent circumstances when the family was not

• Contrary to Miss Menchu's assertion on the first page of her book that "I never went to school" and could not read, write or speak Spanish until shortly before she dictated the text of "I, Rigoberta Menchu," she in fact received the equivalent of a middle-school education as a

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Hope Flowers in Gaza As the President Calls

The American Flag Flying, Not Burning

By Lee Hockstader

ABALIYA REFUGEE CAMP, Perhaps not since the day in 1994 that Yasser Arafat returned to Gaza from his years of exile have Palestinians felt such a surge of hope and wonder as they did when President Bill Clinton came call-

Part of it was pageantry: the 100foot-long (30-meter-long) American and Palestinian flags that swaddled the brand new airport control tower like gift wrapping; the stifling security, freshly whitewashed walls and ubiquitous welcome banners that announced that this visit was unlike any other, the big, noisy American heli-copters floating down one by one from

a pale blue sky.

But even before they had heard him speak, Palestinians understood that the mere fact that an American president was setting foot on their soil for the first time was a form of recognition and a symbolic windfall that would have been unthinkable until recently.

'Six years ago we were seen as distorted people, as terrorists," said Salah Tamari, a Palestinian lawmaker. "Now we are greeting and meeting the president of the United States. It's a practical recognition of our rights.

"If someone doesn't understand the significance of it," he concluded, 'they are blind."

Sayed Shaban, an officer in the fledgling Palestinian Navy, said: "Today we are in a new era and a new situation. Time is required to change things much more, and larger steps are still to be taken. But we have hopes for new conditions. Today, the world is

Mr. Clinton "will help us to regain our land, to regain Jerusalem, to regain what the Israelis took from us," said Khalil Mahmoud Biran, 54, a shop owner in Gaza City.

There is nothing wrong with the United States helping Israel, but at the same time we think now it can help us.

N A PLACE identified for years with the burning of American flags, suddenly American flags were everywhere in Gaza, and none was set ablaze.

Palestinians hung American flags from high-rise apartments, affixed them to the backs of bicycles and, in a few zealous cases, draped them around

In a place long associated with terrorists and militants — the Hamas and Islamic Jihad groups have their strongholds here - most Palestinians were at pains to explain to visitors that no one in his right mind could possibly wish harm to befall so honored a

Schoolboys with barely a word of English managed precisely two when they encountered Americans in the streets of Gaza City: "Clinton

Stapled to trees and plastered on tenement walls, posters, murals and banners appeared of Mr. Clinton and Mr. Arafat, smiling side-by-side, with the heading: "We have a dream, same

as yours. A free Palestine." Three hours before the president's arrival, thousands lined the route from the airport, only to discover much later that he would be transported around Gaza by helicopter.

So many people were glued to their televisions, or intimidated by the numbers of Palestinian troops deployed, that traffic through Gaza City's or-dinarily teeming streets simply evap-orated. Shops closed in the center of town and merchants called it a sign of

respect for their visitor. A Palestinian cleric, who hinted that he had not always been so great a fan of the United States, shrugged when asked about Mr. Clinton and said "We will remember it

HE ENTHUSIASM seemed genuine, but it was not un-diluted. In the Jabaliya Refugee Camp, desperately poor, trash-strewn and badly overcrowded, this sudden recasting of the United States' role sparked a flicker of hope against a backdrop of traditional anti-Western resentments.

In some cases, the result was con-Take the case of Abdul Fattah Sharfi, born and reared in Jabaliya's mean

streets and a child of the intifada, the Palestinian uprising against Israeli military occupation. As a boy in the intifada, his idea of

street theater was to torch an American flag in the gutter. Just because Mr. Clinton came calling in Gaza and thousands of his countrymen watched in awe, Mr. Sharfi was not about to scrap his conviction that the United States, Israel's ally, is fundamentally

But somehow even Mr. Sharfi, 20, a history major at Gaza's Islamic University, was touched and heartened by Mr. Clinton's visit.

"I can't carry an American flag today - my conscience won't permit Mr. Sharfi said.

"But I think Clinton's coming here is a step toward creating a Palestinian

"It gives us some hopes." The outpouring of hope unleashed by Mr. Clinton's visit was so great that it is almost certain to be followed by disappointment the morning after.

The president's appearance also prompted Palestinians to confront and discuss the question of Israel's security and its right to exist in a new, perhaps more realistic way.

"I was 16 when I went to work as a even the room where they keep their garbage was nicer than the rooms we live in here in Jabaliya,'' said Shedadah Amoudi, 45, a shop owner. "Now the Americans are starting to understand the suffering of the Palestinian people. And we know that Israel has a right to exist, based on an

agreement between both sides." Were Palestinians willing to accept the United States as an ally, after so many years of mutual suspicion? "We are Arabs — we are known for our hospitality," Mr. Amoudi said. "We always close our eyes to many past



Mrs. Clinton, right, and Mrs. Arafat, left, visiting a disabled Palestinian boy at a Gaza child care center. Mrs. Clinton announced a \$3 million increase in U.S. aid for the UN program to benefit Arab refugees.

The People's Choice: Hillary Clinton

First Lady Acclaimed for Her Support of Palestinian Statehood

By William A. Orme Jr. New York Times Service

Clinton, who has been hailed here as a champion of Palestinian statehood, walked a careful diplomatic line in public appearances in Gaza, praising Palestinian national aspirations while avoiding comments that could be considered a call for sovereignty.

But it was clear as she traveled through Gaza on Monday that her endorsement seven months ago of even-tual Palestinian independence has made her something of a heroine here, even though her comments were immediately disavowed by the White House and were never publicly repeated. She was greeted with thunderous

applause as she walked through the door of the Palestinian National Council gathering here Monday afternoon. The ovation was repeated with equal enthusiasm as she was introduced from the podium by Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader

Earlier in the day, as she visited a center for disabled children and a refugee settlement with her daughter, Chelsea, and Mr. Arafat's wife, Suha, Mrs. Clinton was acclaimed by local

civic leaders. "We are very proud of you and your support for the Palestinian people and their own state," said Hanan Matar, a Gaza City lawyer, as she welcomed Mrs. Clinton to a workshop on family law and women's rights. Mrs. Clinton smiled and asked for a clarification on the jurisdiction of local religious courts

in disputes over a wife's right to work

or to seek further education. In her public remarks here, Mrs. Clinton praised "the leadership of Chairman-Arafat" in the peace efforts and the "hope for the future" embodied in building new institutions, both civic and physical, like the Gaza International Airport that her husband and Mr. Arafat formally inaugurated

But she appeared to prefer stressing

In Gaza, life has been too hard for too long.'

more generic themes, such as the social benefits of spending on higher edu-cation for women. The capstone of her Gaza tour was a session seemingly calculated to scare off all but the wonkish: "Women's Empowerment Through Micro-Lending."

While President Bill Clinton pushed publicly for further progress in the peace talks, Mrs. Clinton went to the gritty heart of a major unresolved problem: the Arab refugees from the Middle Eastern wars of a half-century ago, and their direct descendants, who remain virtual wards of United Nations refugee camps. Of the 1.1 million refugees in 59 UN settlements in four countries, about 760,000 live in the Gaza Strip, and they constitute three-

quarters of Gaza's population. Mrs. Clinton and Mrs. Arafat visited eight refugee settlements. Known as simply "the Beach," the Gaza City seafront camp has 65,000 people crammed into 70 sandy acres (28 hec-tares) of low-rise cinder block, many of them living three or more to a room.

"I know that for many here in Gaza, life has been too hard for too long, Mrs. Clinton said, announcing a modest increase in the annual U.S. contribution to the UN refugee program for the Arab refugees to \$73 million from \$70 million.

Mrs. Clinton's visit and the international attention that comes with it "is like a blessing," said Ron Wilkenson, the spokesman for the UN's Gaza refugee program. "These people are so desperate for a little bit of recognition. People don't realize how little they have and how little they are asking

As she did in Israel on Sunday, Mrs. Clinton avoided reporters' questions about independence and statehood, and her aides again strove to avoid photographs of the first lady framed by the Palestinian flag.

Still, her itinerary in Israel on Sunday with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's wife, Sara, by her side and her tour through Gaza on Monday with Mrs. Arafat was seen in both places as a

display of conscious symmetry.

Mrs. Arafat, usually not the most public of figures here, was clearly pleased by Mrs. Clinton's companionship. "Thank you for witnessing with us the construction of our country, she said, introducing Mrs. Clinton at the micro-lending forum, "and I hope the most densely packed of Gaza's you will be able to be with us to witness

French Panel Faults U.S. for Failure to Act In Rwanda

By Charles Trueheart

PARIS - After a nine-month inquiry. into the systematic slaughter of nearly a million people in Rwanda four years ago, a French parliamentary commission concluded Tuesday that the responsibility for preventing the genocide lay mainly in a United States-influenced failure of international will.

In its final report, the commission criticized a lack of coordination and intelligence by French diplomatic and military officials during the three months of unchecked tribal killing that followed the April 6, 1994, assassination of the Rwandan president, Juvenal Habyarimana, whose airplane was

downed by a missile.

But a summary of the 1.800-page report said most of the inaction in Rwanda was the fault of the United

Nations and its strongest member.
Referring to the Belgian-led UN contingent in Rwanda and to the 1993 killings of American troops in Somalian the report said that the international community's "passivity and inertia are" due, among other reasons, to the hasty departure of the contingent after the assassination of 10 of its members and especially to the refusal of the United States to consider, after its debacle in Somalia, any immediate expansion 4.5 the UN force or any modification of is mandate to allow it to intervene.

The commission, led by a Socialist: former defense minister, Paul Quiles; exonerated France for any responsibile; ity in the genocide itself. The first point that should be recalled is that those who killed Rwandans were other. Rwandans," the summary said. The vast majority of the victims were Tutsi. The report faulted the French govern-; ment for failing to understand the nature, of the blood warfare in the former Belgian colony or to appreciate the "racist" nature of the regime it had supported as "a lesser evil" in a military. cooperation agreement that ended three. months before the slaughter began.

France, the report said, "didn't worry: enough about a situation where violence was proliferating while extremist tend-encies developed advocating more and more openly a 'final solution' '— that is, the extermination of Tutsi and of Hutu moderates. A United Nations criminal tribunal is prosecuting those believed responsible for the genocide.

"France found itself trapped by its, own strategy and manipulated by a rent gime that it hoped to pressure to reform its policies," the report said, noting in a France's defense that Mr. Habyarim. ana's government was considered "le-.. gitimate" by the world community.

Alain Destexhe, a senator in Belgium. who led his country's legislative inquiry. last year into its role in Rwanda, said in an interview: "I have the impression that the French are laying things off on the Belgians and the Americans and the UN. and sweeping things away from their front door. Still, in France's political culture, the fact that this commission exists at all is very important."

Mr. Destexhe added: "The next steps should be investigations by the United Nations and the United States."

Rene Galy-Dejean of Preside Jacques Chirac's Rally for the Republic party, said: "France has nothing to blush about. It had no responsibility for

Judge Leon Higginbotham Dies At 70; Was Crusader for Blacks

By William Glaberson New York Times Service

Leon Higginbotham Jr., 70, who called himself "a survivor of segregation and became one of the United States' most prominent black judges, died Monday in Boston. He was hospitalized for a stroke on Saturday.

Judge Higginbotham, a legal scholar, author and historian, was an influential federal judge for 29 years until he retired in 1993. He often used the story of his own life, which began in an era of discrimination in Trenton, New Jersey, as an example of how what he called voiceless and forgotten people could over-come obstacles if they had help.

From 1990 until his retirement, Judge Higginbotham was chief judge of the 3d U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia. He was only the third black jurist to have directed one of the country's federal appeals panels, which are second in importance only to the Supreme Court. Some historians say Judge Higginbotham was one of a handful of black jurists whom President Lyndon Johnson considered as candidates to integrate the Supreme Court before he named Thurgood Marshall the first black justice in 1967.

ment and unambiguous liberalism, 177 Nazis. Judge Higginbotham received much re-cognition as a legal scholar and civil rights advocate, including the highest U.S. civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, in 1995.

advances for black Americans that he in the spin-off series "The Ropers," died had applauded over a long legal career of cancer Monday. Among Mr. Fell's

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were endangered by cutbacks in affirmative action and reduced opportunities New Carry-On Rules for black lawyers and judges.

"I witnessed the birth of racial justice in the Supreme Court and here now, after 45 years as a lawyer, judge and law professor, I sometimes feel as if I am professor, I sometimes feel as if I am uniform standard, the Association of watching justice die, he wrote in an Flight Attendants said. article in The New York Times Magazine in January.

After his retirement from the bench he taught at Harvard University, practiced law in New York and Washington and served on corporate boards, including that of The New York Times Co.

ginbotham was at work on an auto-William Denson, 85, Prosecutor

New York Times Service

William Denson, 85, who helped to convict and execute more Nazi war criminals than any other American while serving as the chief military prosecutor of those accused of administering concentration camps in Germany, died Sun-

day in Lawrence, New York. In four trials conducted from 1945 to 1947, which focused on atrocities committed at the concentration camps at Duchau, Mauthausen, Buchenwald and In a career of energetic accomplish- Flossenburg, Mr. Denson prosecuted

Norman Fell, 74, TV Actor

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Norman Fell, 74, who played the irritable landledal of Freedom, in 1995. lord Stanley Roper on the 1970s tele-He persistently said that many of the vision sitcom "Three's Company" and

> films "The Graduate" and "Catchdetective drama 'Dan August.''

TRAVEL UPDATE

Flight Attendants Seek

WASHINGTON (AP) - Airline safety is being risked by a patchwork of rules for carry-on bags, and the U.S. government should step in to declare a

About 4,000 passengers and crew members are hurt each year by bags and objects - including wine bottles, laptop computers and even bowling balls — falling from overhead bins, the 43,000member union said.

At the time of his death, Judge Hig-inhorham was at work on an auto-Disrupts Transport

ATHENS (AFP) — Strikers disrupted transport, banks and public services in Greece on Tuesday to protest an austerity budget for 1999.

The one-day strike, called by the two main Greek trade unions, cut domestic and international services by the national carrier, Olympic Airways, to one flight per destination, the company said. Flights by foreign airlines were not af-

Orsay Museum Opens

PARIS (AFP) — The Orsay musuem reopened Tuesday after a strike, but the stoppage kept the art museum's book stall closed.

Staff at the Grand Palais remained on strike on Tuesday, while the Louvre museum was to reopen its doors on Wednesday after a six-day walkout by employees. Tuesday is the Louvre's norcredits were the mal closing day.

An "Unusual Journey" exhibition and television at the Parc de la Villette in Paris is series including recreating for visitors the ordeal of Burt Reynolds's refugees escaping from war, massacres or political persecution to seek asylum in

WEATHER

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THE AMERICAS

That Old Fire, That Gift of Gab Is Now Missing From Clinton

By R.W. Apple Jr.
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Since his days as an undergraduate, his oldest friends say, Bill Clinton has believed that he could talk his way out of almost any predicament. He has usually been right. In every dark hour in his political career, Mr.

Clinton has fought back. He has tested the political winds, then assembled political war rooms to carry the fight to the enemy. Sometimes he has coun-terattacked, sometimes he has changed course. But always he has been verbal, vigorous, out in front.
Something very different is going on now as he

faces his gravest crisis. He is not talking much When he talks, he digs himself in deeper. "He has lost his touch, at least for the moment

said a Democratic senator who is counted as one of the president's stoutest supporters. "His timing is off. His sense of what will fly is way off, too." Suddenly, last week in Washington and this week

in the Middle East, Mr. Clinton has turned pensive, wan and remote. His words lack fire. On Friday, as wan and remote. This words tack rife. On Priday, as the House Judiciary Committee was preparing to approve a first article of impeachment, be ended a televised appeal with the words. That is simply all I can do, the work of the American people. It sounded more like a sigh of fatalism than a rallying cry from a president girding for battle.

Since he has never been a very close student of legislative mores, perhaps he is simply puzzled by the Republicans' determination to forge ahead with impeachment. All his political life, he has relied

heavily on polls for guidance. Now his polls and others show clearly that the American people do not want to see him removed from office, but the Republicans are paying little heed to the numbers.

Vice President Al Gore said Monday that the Republicans should absorb the wisdom of the American people, as expressed in the polls, and abandon impeachment. The appropriate answer, he said, "is censure; to give the president the pun-ishment and rebuke that they feel is appropriate."

But the president has done little to give cover to the advocates of censure, and on several recent occasions he has made a bad situation worse. His hostile, mapologetic television speech on Aug. 17.

after he bad testified to the grand

jury investigating the Monica ANALYSIS Lewinsky case, won few if any new supporters and furned some fence-sitters against him. A speech more fully expressing his contrition on Aug. 28, followed by several others, helped Mr. Clinton's cause, as did the results of the November election.

Then his legalistic answers to 81 questions submitted by the House Judiciary Committee upset undecided Republicans anew. Several had hoped he would admit on Friday that he had committed perjury, or at least that he had told lies in his deposition, instead of resorting to circumlocutions. He did not, and he followed up with a declaration in Israel that he would never admit lying under oath — something, he said, "I am quite sure I did not do." He also said that the idea of his resigning had

never crossed his mind. It has crossed the mind of

everyone else in official Washington, not once but many times, so Mr. Clinton's statement further eroded his credibility here.

Representative Scott Klug of Wisconsin, one of the Republican fence-sitters, said Sunday that if the president wanted "to throw himself on the mercy of the coun." he must admit guilt.

Mr. Clinton was returning to Washington late Tuesday night, which would leave him only a single day to twist arms before the debate in the House begins. He may also make phone calls from Air Force One on the way home.

But many Democrats, including some in the presidential entourage in the Middle East, are arnazed that Mr. Clinton did not curtail his schedule there to give himself an additional day to try to influence the momentous vote on the House floor likely to come on Thursday, which will determine whether he is to stand trial in the Senate. At a minimum, he could have mounted a more vigorous campaign to arouse the public to lobby the Republicans to permit a vote on the censure res-

Privately. White House aides explain their relative inaction and that of the president by saying that a public campaign would be "inappropriate."

Maybe they mean it would be counterproductive. Certainly, questions of propriety cannot be the whole answer when Mr. Clinton's future is at stake, along with whatever legacy he may hope to leave. Some of those close to the inner circle say Mr. Clinton can never admit that he lied because it would open him up to prosecution for perjury after

he leaves office. But is that really the reason? If so. the White House must have little faith in the parade of prosecutors called by the Democrats to testify before the Judiciary Committee. It is possible, of course, that Kenneth Starr is every inch the vengeful zealot that many in the White House consider him and that he would move against Mr. Clinton the minute he left office. But many who know the courts in the District of Columbia doubt he could ever gain a conviction here.

And even if he could, is the risk not worth running when the alternative looks more and more like impeachment and a lengthy, nasty trial?

A former Clinton adviser who maintains close links to the White House said last weekend that some of the president's strategists believed it was possible to find a way of owning up to lying without "significantly increasing the legal jeop-ardy later." The problem is that Mr. Clinton will not accept that course of action. Some around the president fear that for every Republican who would be lured into his camp by a frank admission lying, a Democrat might leave it.

In his own calculations, the president may have concluded, like many others in Washington, that 67 senators, the number required by the Constitution, would never vote to remove him from office, and that his best strategy is therefore to sit tight and wait the trial out.

But trials, as one of Washington's leading lawyers put it the other day. " have a way of getting out of hand, which is why smart lawyers avoid going to trial if they possibly can.

Chinese Campaign Gifts Tied to Technology Goals

By Jeff Gerth, David Johnston and Don Van Natia Jr. New York Tunes Service

WASHINGTON - After a two-year investigation of Chinese political contributions to the 1996 election, federal authorities have inearthed evidence that Beijing's efforts were part of a broader campaign to gain access to American high technology, according to lawyers and investigators.

While still incomplete, the evidence provides a clearer understanding of Chinese motivations — and one that differs substantially from the initial view of federal investigators and a Republican-controlled Senate committee that China intended to try to influence the outcome of particular races, including the re-election of President Bill Clinton.

Investigators now believe that the money was to enhance the political standing of those who passed the conmoutions to Democratic causes, to give them clout as they argued for favorable policies on trade and technology.

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intended to follow the example of American corporations, which use campaign donations to raise the profile of their lobbyists in Washington, Under U.S. law, foreign governments are prohibited from contributing to political campaigns.

Investigators and officials said their new view of Chinese motivations was based on inference and evidence that included bank records, intercepted tele-

phone calls and witness statements. While they gave few details, the of-ficials said they had learned of additional links between the fund-raisers who arranged the suspect donations and Chinese executives and officials involved in acquiring Western technology with military uses. They said the inquiry had documented more active and substantial contacts between fund-raisers such as Yah Lin Trie and Chinese officials than previously were known.

A Senate investigation this year raised

questions about the role of the Chinese government but lacked the banking records and intelligence information sub-sequently available to the FBI.

Senator Fred Thompson, the Tennes-see Republican who led the Senate inquiry into campaign finance abuses last year, was the first to question the possible Chinese role in the 1996 elections. He said recently he now believed the Chinese donations were aimed at obtaining American technology.

"They were attempting not only to ingratiate themselves politically," he said, "but in the process to develop contacts and further relationships with companies in the U.S. who had the same technology-export interest."

■ Democratic Donor Sentenced

Johnny Chung, a prolific donor to Democrats and frequent visitor to the Clinton White House, was sentenced to probation and community service Monday for his involvement in illegal campaign contributions during the 1996 election, The New York Times reported from Los Angeles.

Mr. Chung, 43, who faced up to 18 months in prison, was given a more



Mr. Chung leaving the courthouse in Los Angeles after sentencing.

lenient sentence after a recommendation by prosecutors and a plea from his lawyer based on his cooperation with an investigation into campaign fund-raising abuses during the 1996 election.

He was sentenced to five years' probation and 3,000 hours of community service. He pleaded guilty to bank fraud. tax evasion and conspiracy charges and admitted circumventing individual limits on donations.

At the sentencing, A U.S. District Court judge, Manuel Real, expressed doubt at assertions by Democratic Party officials that they did not know about fund-raising abuses, and he said he was that Attorney General 'surprised'' Janet Reno had not appointed a special prosecutor to look into them.

An Impeachment Primer

Questions and Answers About the Process

WASHINGTON - If the House votes this week to impeach President Bill Clinton, it does not mean the president is removed from office. The U.S. Constitution gives that decision to the Senate. There are many questions about impeachment works:

Q: Is the president removed from office if he is impeached?

A: No. The articles of impeachment are only charges, similar to a grand jury indictment. The Senate is to conduct a trial on any impeachment articles passed by the House, with Chief Justice William Rehnquist presiding. Two-thirds of the 100 senators must vote "guilty" on any or all of the articles for the president to be removed from office. They have a choice of judgments: removal from office or removal from office plus a prohibition against the president's ever holding any future office of "honor.

trust or profit under the United States." Q: What happens before the House

debate Thursday? A: Majority Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee will circulate a detailed report to justify the reasons the panel voted for impeachment of Mr. Clinton. Democrats will have their own minority dissent. Lawmakers will return Wednesday for closed-door party

caucuses to map strategy.

Q: Will there be a vote on a resolution to censure or denounce the president?

A: Republican House leaders say they will not permit a vote on a censure resolution. But Democrats are planning "motion to recommit" the impeachment articles to the Judiciary Committee with instructions that the articles be replaced with censure. Republicans are likely to object that such a motion is not relevant. Democrats could then appeal and that vote would in effect decide whether Mr. Clinton is impeached or censured by the House.

Q: How long will the impeachment debate take?

A: Republicans are planning for several hours of debate and separate, yesor-no votes on each of the four articles at the end of debate. The debate is scheduled to begin Thursday and it could take until Friday. A simple majority of the 435-member House, or 218 votes, is required to pass each article.

O: Can impeachment articles be A: No. They are considered "priv-

ileged" on the House floor and not subject to either amendment or debate in the Rules Committee like a normal bill.

Q: Is the Senate trial like one in a criminal court?

A: In some ways, yes, House Republicans, called "managers," will take the role of prosecutors and - with help from lawyers - lay out their case. Mr. Clinton can have his own advocates, probably his familiar team of lawyers. Witnesses can be called to testify and submit to cross-examination. But unlike a criminal court, senators can vote to halt the trial at any point or vote to overrule any of Justice Rehnquist's de-

cisions as presiding officer. Q: Will the swearing-in of a new

ongress in January have any effect? A: Possibly. Although the impeachment charges will carry over to the new 106th Congress in January, the House would have to reappoint its managers for the trial. Because there will be five fewer Republicans in the new Congress. Democrats and a few Republican allies could throw the case into chaos by blocking appointment of the managers. The Senate's composition does not change: 55 Republicans and 45 Democrats. Q: Has any president ever been im-

A: Yes. The House approved 11 articles of impeachment against President Andrew Johnson in 1868, arising essentially from political divisions over Reconstruction following the Civil War. After a 74-day Senate trial, the Senate acquitted Mr. Johnson on three of the articles by a one-vote margin each and decided not to vote on the rest.

Q: Wasn't President Nixon im-A: No. The House Judiciary Committee approved three articles of impeachment in July 1974 against Mr. Nixon arising from the break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate building

and a subsequent cover-up. Mr. Nixon resigned Aug. 9, 1974, before the full House voted on the articles. Q: Has Congress ever censured a

president? A: Yes. The Senate rebuked President Andrew Jackson in 1834 for vetoing a bill that would have rechartered a central bank. Three years later, Mr. Jackson's allies got his record expunged by revoking the resolution, and his portrait now adorns the \$20 bill.

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A Media Flip-Flop

POLITICAL NOTES

On Impeachment WASHINGTON - After President Bill Clinton admitted misleading the country about Monica Lewinsky, a wave of revulsion swept through the media, with more than 140 newspapers and plenty of columnists urging him to resign. Less than four months later. many of the same purveyors of elite opinion are staunchly opposing Mr. Clinton's impeachment, which, if the Senate voted to convict, would

lead to his eviction. Are these esteemed media heavies wimping out at the moment of truth? After all, Mr. Clinton was never very likely to follow their collective advice and leave town.

This is the hardest issue I've ever had to deal with." said Jane Eisner, editorial page editor of the Philadelphia Inquirer. "Some of our readers are still anery at us for calling for him to resign. Some readers are angry at us for not calling for him to be impeached. Not evervone on our board agrees. It's a

no-win situation. The Inquirer, Des Moines Register, Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Seattle Times, Denver Post, San Antonio Express-News and Orlando Sentinel are among the major newspapers that urged the president to call it quits in August - but now oppose impeachment. The pro-resignation Chicago Tribune has sidestepped the impeachment question. USA Today and the Washington Times have renewed their calls for resignation but did not take a direct position on impeachment. Both the New York Times and The Washington Post have harshly assailed the president throughout the Lewinsky im-broglio, while stopping short of urging him to resign.

Band of Democrats Is Jiggling the Math

WASHINGTON - Although nearly all the speculation in the last few weeks has focused on certain Republicans in the House, a small group of renegade Democrats could also affect the arithmetic and fate of an impeachment vote.

By last weekend, three Democrats, all from relatively conservative districts in the South, had come out publicly in favor of impeaching President Clinton. On Monday. Representative Paul McHale of Pennsylvania all but definitively joined that short list by voicing some of his strongest sentiments yet for impeachment.

Mr. McHale said in a telephone interview that he still did not want to commit himself intractably to any vote, but he portrayed himself as tilting even more sharply toward impeaching Mr. Clinton than he did a few days ago. "Barring additional information that I would find to be persuasive, that is the way I'm leaning." he said. "I don't feel I have any other alternative but to hold him accountable.

The other three Democrats who have publicly said that they favor impeachment are Representatives Gene Taylor of Mississippi. Ralph Hall of Texas and Virgil Goode Ir. of Virginia. At least another eight Democrats were still officially undecided about what they would do when the full House votes on impeachment, probably later this week. Democratic officials predicted that, in a worst-case secnario, no more than 10 Democrats in all would vote in favor of impeachment.

Richer Immigration Agency Doubles Deportations

By Mirta Ojito New York Times Service

NEW YORK - In the two years since Congress passed tough laws to stem illegal immigration to the United States, federal authorities have deported almost 300,000 immigrants to countries all over the world, more than twice the number of people who were sent back in the two previous years. That many deportations have been pos-

sible because for the first time the Immigration and Naturalization Service has the congressional mandate and the money to prosecute violators of immigration law, arrest immigrants with criminal convictions and would-be immigrants at the border, and deport them swiftly, sometimes in less than 12 hours.

Bretz, a New York immigration lawyer the southwestern border with no doc-and for her prosecutor for the immigra-uments or with fake documents. Many migrants in their neighborhood.

tion service. "The agency has become completely enforcement-minded."

Flush with almost a billion dollars for the detention and deportation of illegal immigrants, the service is now the largest federal law enforcement agency, according to the Justice Department. It has more than 15,000 officers who can carry weapons and make arrests, more than the FBI or Drug Enforcement Administration.

"Stopping immigrants from entering the country has become more important than the war against drugs,"said Maria Jimenez, director of a monitoring project for the American Friends Service Committee, a nonprofit group that documents abuses on the U.S.-Mexico border.

of those deported had been convicted of

who are deported are barred from returning to the country for five years or more. Some are barred for life.

In the past two years, the service also has deported about 78,000 people who had managed to get into the country undetected and were caught later. It arrested them during job raids, at routine traffic stops, at airports when they were returning from abroad and even at immigration offices around the country.

With the money, the agency also has tripled the number of beds in detention centers and local jails around the country and increased staff there by 80 percent, crucial because the agency must detain immigrants before it can deport them.

Immigration officers also have been Before the laws were changed, most able to conduct more investigations. The agency now can check anonymous tips "The rules have changed," said Kerry crimes. Now, most are people caught at from, for instance, people who say they bretz, a New York immigration lawyer the southwestern border with no doc-

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www.house.gov

Away From Politics

 A construction worker buried alive in a sewer ditch for more than 15 hours was pulled to safety after a grueling overnight rescue in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

 A women and her 11-year-old son were found huddled under a fir tree after spending four freezing nights lightly dressed in the snow-covered Cascade Mountains in Oregon. A U.S. Test Service road crew found them barely conscious. They had attandened their car after it became stuck nearby. (AP)

· Angering civil libertarians, the New York police commissioner, Howard Safir, suggested that police take a DNA sample along with the fingerprints of everyone arrested. "The innocent have nothing to fear," Mr. Safir said Monday. But some civil rights advocates said the plan amounted to an unreasonable search and seizure in violation of the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution. The proposal would need approval from the state legislature.



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Alleging Bias, Lawyers For Pinochet Appeal

They Say Law Lord Hid Ties to Rights Group

By Warren Hoge New York Times Service

LONDON — General Augusto Pinochet's lawyers told a House of Law Lords who ruled against their client crimes attributed to General Pinochet in had a concealed bias against him and that the verdict keeping the former Chilean whether he was entitled to immunity. dictator from returning home ought therefore to be set aside.

Lord Hoffmann, the man who cast the decisive vote against General Pinochet, erred in not alerting the court to his links to Amnesty International. The fact that the Lords agreed to ac-

cept the request for a review was being the five Law Lords announcing their interpreted as a reflection of the seriousness with which the question was being treated. Lord Browne-Wilkinson, the head of the Law Lords, said that he would summon a new panel of judges to reconsider the case if the appeal suc-

Amnesty International had been permitted, in a rare extension of privilege, to present its argument against General Pinochet to the five-man tribunal that decided by a three-to-two vote on Nov. 25 that the Chilean did not enjoy immunity from arrest in Britain. Because of that ruling, he has had to remain in Britain for what could become more than a year, during which a Spanish petition to extradite him to Madrid to face charges of crimes against humanity goes forward.

Lord Hoffmann, it has emerged, is a

director and former chairman of a charity that raises money for Amnesty International, and his wife has been an administrative assistant in its press and publications division since 1977.

His failure to declare that association has aroused concern in the British legal establishment, where Lord Hoffmann is regarded as one of its most capable and learned members.

Three weeks ago, the case of General Pinochet propelled the British judiciary to the pinnacle of global admiration," Hugo Young, columnist for The Guardian, wrote Tuesday, reflecting a widely held view among lawyers here. Through the folly of a single judge, the Law Lords, from being the heroes, may soon become the villains."

As two days of hearings opened Tuesday, the task of a panel of five Law Lords, separate from the five who ruled last month, was to determine whether the relationship between Lord Hoffmann and Amnesty International was "so clear and obvious" that there was a "real danger" that he could have been even unconsciously influenced.

Clare Montgomery, the lead lawyer for General Pinochet, noted that under British law it was a judge's duty to reveal any links of kinship, friendship, employment or financial relations with any parties in a case.

She argued that Amnesty International had published a report in 1993 with Lord Hoffmann's knowledge "which

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In an interview in September, Miss

was highly critical of Senator Pinochet and the failure to prosecute anyone in connection with his period of rule." The group's purpose, she said, was securing the abolition of "torture, extrajudicial Lords hearing on Tuesday that one of the execution and disappearance," the very the dispute before the Lords about

"This is way beyond simply being a member of an organization," she said. In the first instance in British history in which a decision of the Law Lords, England's highest court, has been formally challenged, the attorneys said that

Ms. Montgomery noted that Lord Hoffmann had been a particularly "active and hostile interrogator" of counsel for General Pinochet during the six days of hearings in November. Alone among verdicts, Lord Hoffmann gave no explanation for his decision.

"We hope," Ms. Montgomery said in summing up, "that a brief review of the evidence justifies the contention that we put forward, that Amnesty, quite apart from being a party, is a protagonist deeply opposed to Senator Pinochet and deeply opposed to any principle of law that would grant him immunity. In these circumstances, the substantial links both of Lady Hoffmann and of Lord Hoffmann are relevant matters."

General Pinochet's attorneys have also said they will appeal the decision last Wednesday by the British home secretary, Jack Straw, to let the Spanish extradition petition go forward in the

Champagne Stores Tapped for 2000

REIMS, France — Champagne producers have released the equivalent of 74 million bottles of 1992. 1993 and 1994 wine from their reserves to meet the heavy demand expected for millennium celebra-

The move is expected to enable Champagne producers to reconstitute their stocks after a burst in demand for this New Year's Eve. the Champagne producers' commit-

tee said Tuesday. Sales for 1998 are estimated at 290 million bottles and are expected easily to surpass 300 million next

Champagne production, limited to 30,500 hectares (74,100 acres) of vinevards, is sensitive to varying weather conditions. Production can range from 236 million bottles, as in 1997, to 330

million in 1998. To maintain regular stocks and price stability, Champagne produ-cers keep reserves from heavy production years to compensate for the years when production is low.



An anti-Pinochet demonstrator protesting on Tuesday outside the House of Lords session in London.

CLINTON: Key Moderate Republicans Join Impeachment Drive

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open Thursday, only a few were still undecided which lever they would pull. They were much on the mind of the president, who was returning late Tuesday from the Middle East. It was unclear senators acting as a jury, 67 votes in the whether there was time left for even a 100-seat chamber would be required to day from the Middle East. It was unclear dramatic gesture — perhaps a statement

to the House of Representatives—to tip the balance away from impeachment. White House aides said they were waiting to hear whether Mr. Clinton had decided to run the risks of such a gesture. His earlier comments have often fanned Republican anger because the president has not admitted that he lied under oath in the Paula Jones sexual harassment inquiry or before the grand jury of the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr.

And while some House members have said they will oppose impeachment only if Mr. Clinton admits to having lied under oath about his relationship with Monica Lewinsky, a former White House intern, others might use such an admission to justify a vote to impeach.

Another jolt to White House prospects came from Representative Jack Quinn of New York, who had been one of the first Republicans to publicly oppose impeachment.

He reversed himself Tuesday, saying he would vote for the four articles of impeachment. Representative John McHugh of New York was among the other Republicans who said they would

support impeachment.
Two of the four articles of impeachment, sent to the full House by the Judiciary Committee, assert that Mr. Clinton committed perjury in his sworn conceal the relationship, and one holds

that he abused his power in his attempts to resist the investigation of his affair. for suggesting that it would be "political suicide" for him to oppose impeach-

If a simple majority of House members - 218 of the 435 — votes for even one article, then the Senate will hold a trial, presided over by the chief justice. With remove the president from office.

Clinton loyalists and Democratic allies carried their anti-impeachment drive forward Tuesday on a variety of fronts, from radio ads to rallies and vigils. The White House, however, seemed shaken and unsure of what more it could do.

'The reality is there is less and less that can be done from here," Ann Lewis, the White House communications director, told the Los Angeles Times. 'This is a somber place. We've got a very difficult challenge."

Pressure on still-undeclared legislators was intense. Some were receiving 250 telephone calls an hour. Representative Dickey of Arkansas

likened the pressure to "12 hours of surgery without anesthesia" and lashed

ment Mr. Dickey said he would not decide how to vote until returning to Washington on Wednesday. The White House spokesman, Joe

Lockhart, said the president would meet with Representative Christopher Shays, Republican of Connecticut, who has opposed impeachment but then indicated Monday that he was wavering.

science, not subject to party discipline.

it clear that defections on procedural votes, which are rare in normal circumstances, will not soon be forgiven.

an alternative to impeachment, is likely to reach the House floor only if the Democrats succeed in a parliamentary maneuver, called a motion to recommit that could not pass without the defection out at an unidentified White House aide of at least a few Republicans.

POLL: Majority Is Firmly of Two Minds

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results, because many Americans are unclear about what impeachment means. "I think people are confused by the process and the words that describe the process," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

He noted that other independent polls denials of having had an intimate re-lationship with Ms. Lewinsky, one holds Americans did not want Mr. Clinton to ton; a third said it would make no difthat he obstructed justice in seeking to resign, though those surveys did not ask ference. whether he should leave office voluntarily after a House vote for impeachment.

"I would want to see more polling backing up," Mr. Kohut said, "before I came to the conclusion that the public wants to see Clinton resign."

The poll underscores the importance impeachment. While some Republican leaders have played down the vote as merely the prelude to a trial in the Senate, the survey results suggest that any action by the House could alter public attitudes.

House Republican leaders during the weekend called for Mr. Clinton to step down, but he has rejected adamantly any suggestion that he resign if the House votes to impeach him. "I have no intention of resigning," Mr. Clinton said in Israel on Sunday. A total of 1,004 randomly selected Americans were intention. terviewed Saturday and Sunday for the Post-ABC News poll. Margin of error for the overall results was plus or minus

3 percentage points. The poli found that the job-approval rating of the president stood at 64 percent. Despite the impeachment vote and prospects of a Senate trial, three in four said they expected Mr. Clinton to finish his second term.

The survey also found a majority of Americans, 61 percent, said he should not be forced out, and half said they "strongly" opposed impeachment Thirty-eight percent said Mr. Clinton should be impeached and removed from office, up from 31 percent in October. A majority of those surveyed, 59 per-

cent, including majorities of Republi-

cans, Democrats and independents, also Americans continue to fear the con-

uences if Mr. Clinton is forced from office. Half of those interviewed - 51 percent — said the country would be worse off if Congress removed him from

Thirteen percent expected that the na-

ISRAEL: Little Satisfaction

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survival against hard-liners opposed any territorial compromise, is utilike it to order further Israeli withdrawals from the West Bank as long as his government is in peril.

Sounding like the candidate on the stump he may soon be if his government falls, Mr. Netanyahu took the hard line with the Palestimans that has marked his political career, and added a note of defiance that plays well with his voters.
"I think the Americans are wise

enough to understand that no amount of pressure can force Israel to relinquish its capital in Jerusalem, that no amount of pressure will force us to release terrorist murderers, that no amount of pressure will force us to make withdrawals when the Palestinians don't carry out the the Palestinians don't carry out their part," Mr. Netanyahu said. "It's just not a subject on the table."

The upshot of the trip, Mr. Clintons fourth to Israel as president, is that we peace process he revived at the Wye River Plantation in Maryland in October now enters a season of suspended animation.

Glossing over the difficulties, the sides announced that a number of committees and channels would attempt to grapple with problems that the principals have been unable to resolve. Chief among these is the incendiary issue of what to do about hundreds of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails.

Israel promised at Wye to release 750

prisoners but refuses to free more than 100 of what the Palestinians call political prisoners, some of whom were con-victed of murdering Israelis. That stance has touched off riots throughout the West Bank for the past three weeks and caused fears that the Palestinians are gearing up for a new intifada, the rising that paralyzed the region for ax years starting in 1987.

Despite the threat of more violence inspired by the prisoner issue, the parties were able to agree to nothing more concrete than what Mr. Clinton called "an informal channel" to deal with the controversy, apparently by reviewing some individual prisoner files.

The final day of the president's visit

was further marred by the bitter reaction of some Israelis to a speech by Mr. Clinton on Monday, in which he equated the suffering of Palestinian children whose fathers are in Israeli jails and Israeli children whose fathers were killed by Palestinians.

Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon pro-

tested the comment to Mr. Clinton personally, and Mr. Netanyahu was scathing on the subject.

"It's not legitimate to compare those who murdered innocent citizens and

children deliberately and the saffering of the victims," Mr. Netanyaha said at a news conference.

■ Finance Minister to Resign _

The Israeli finance minister, Yaacov Neeman, has told Mr. Netanyahu that he intends to resign his post, Reuters re- 15500 to 55ported Tuesday, quoting Mr. Netanyahu's spokesman.

Mr. Neeman has expressed frustration has expressed frustration.

that coalition disarray has prevented passage of the 1999 budget, which has only passed one of three readings in Parliament required by Dec. 31.

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of the House vote on the articles of respect he professes for the Palestinian people, and his readiness to support us," read a front-page editorial in Al Hayat al-Jadidah, the Palestinian newspaper. "We perceive in your visit a great symbol of hope in the future."

States. It has always been the Israeli people versus the 'Palestinian prob-

In his remarks to a meeting of Palreality, their history, dispossession and

before, and there was sort of an ecstatic but numb sense like, 'My God, he's talking about us.'

The spirit of Mr. Clinton's speech to the Palestinians, and in earlier remarks to an Israeli crowd at the Jerusalem sides to look beyond the myriad details that divide them and find common

Arab world feeling the Palestinian cause ritory. would always receive short shrift. Foldiminished those ties to Israel.

that peace in the region required."lemonopoly on pain or virtue. It looked like a state visit, it sounded

for Israelis to witness.

Israeli press commentators on Tuesday equated Mr. Clinton's speech with said a diplomat in the region. It really

emerge much more quickly.
"For the first time ever," the analyst
Nahum Barnea wrote in an Israeli newspaper, Mr. Clinton "equated the suf-fering, fears and aspirations of the Pal-estinians with the suffering fears and aspirations" of Israelis, and "at least for some, it was an unpalatable declara-

The change did not come overnight. Over the last decade, pro-Arab and Palestinian organizations have been building their case for more U.S. recognition. a campaign that mirrored, on a more modest scale, the work of Jewisticor-ganizations to build support for Issael. Various diplomatic overtures assessed

old enemies in contact, and the 1993 Oslo peace accord transformed Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organiza-tion into a governing authority that new receives international aid, ruis a police force, administers large chunks of territory, and operates an international air-port and industrial park.

versally popular. Mr. Arafar though president of the authority that governs in most of Gaza and parts of the West Bank.

ers of Palestinian dissident groups met and disavowed the actions of Mr. Afalat, East politics is at least perceived to be, ments. They noted that negotiations to immediately joined, with Israelis feeling they faced a public relations defeat.

In Israel's 50-year history, its closest ally has been the United States, a relational of the control o lationship so tight it has left many in the now live outside Israeli controlled ter-

But Arab analysis and diplomats nevlowing Mr. Clinton's speech, U.S. of- ertheless said Mr. Clinton's speech ficials carefully noted that nothing the demonstrated a balance, in its openiess president said or did in his visit here to both Palestinian politics and its poeitive references to Islam, that they had frequently found absent in U.S. policy.

new Jewish settlements, its exhortation raeli troop withdrawal or prisoner release or some other tangible benefit. The gitimate rights for Palestinians," or its words, however, were important, and if conclusion that "neither side has a matched with a political commitment in coming months will prove that the United States is not, as many in the Arab like a state visit, and it has not been easy world suspect, letting Israel distate its

the Balfour Declaration in 1917, an act brings back the image of America as brought back to the surface, and people

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manuscript raises. 'I'm proud of the book," she said, describing it as "part of the historical memory and patrimony of Guatemala" and dismissing any criticism as part of a racist political agenda intended to gain mentaries about it," she continued, re-ferring to her autobiography, which has been translated into at least a dozen checking this, and I don't deny or con-That's not my job."
Miss Menchu declined repeated re-

Catholic nuns.

quests this month for comment. With one exception, the people interviewed in Guatemala have not read her book and were sympathetic to Miss Menchu and the trials she and her family underwent during Guatemala's 36-year civil war, which ended in 1996. Between

1979 and 1983, Miss Menchu's father,

mother and two brothers all died at the

hands of government security forces, everyone here acknowledges. "She suffered greatly, seeing her whole family dispersed by the violence." said Clemente Diaz Cano, a neighbor and contemporary of Miss

Menchu's. The exception is Alfonso Rivera, one of the few people here who has actually read Miss Menchu's autobiography. As the clerk for the municipal government for 30 years, he kept all official re-

cords. "The book is one lie after another, and she knows it," Mr. Rivera said. Geir Lundestad, director of the Norwegian Nobel Institute and permanent secretary of the Norwegian Nobel Com-

mittee, said in a phone interview from

Oslo that he was aware of the Stoll

NOBEL: Did Prize Winner From Guatemala Stretch the Truth?

prize to Miss Menchu "was not based • Because she spent much of her exclusively or primarily on the auto-youth in the boarding schools, it is ex-biography" and that while "the details chu" worked as an underground political or- relevance, they are not particularly imganizer and spent up to eight months a portant, and so this will lead to no re-

consideration on our part." year laboring on coffee and cotton planshe suggested, are the responsibility of Elisabeth Burgos, the Venezuelan an-Menchu, transcribed and edited the resulting 26 hours of tapes and secured a

publishing contract.

ment over publishing royalties.
"She gave the book its final form, so she is officially the author of the book languages. "I don't dedicate myself to and has the commercial rights to it." tradict what is said in books about me. Paris, Miss Burgos said that "every phrase in the book comes from what Rigoberta Menchu said on the tapes."

"All autobiographies embellish to a greater or lesser extent," he continued.

Mr. Stoll to listen to, and is willing to make them available to a university so He added that the decision to award the that other researchers can have access to tremely unlikely that she could have of the family history are not without his wife, Juana Turn Cotoja, and their

> During the last year, Miss Menchu has education to endure unending misery sought to distance herself from her auto- and exploitation. In the end, the entire biography. Any problems with the text, family becomes involved in a peasant thropologist who interviewed Miss Guatemalan security forces.

"I am the protagonist of the book, and it was my testimony, but I am not the attention and publicity.

"There have been 15,000 theses writunterview in September, describing her 'nonexistent' because of a disagree-

In a phone interview from her home in

CAIRO — A German archaeologist

said Tuesday that he had found what

could be the earliest known writing by

mankind - records of linen and oil

deliveries made about 5,300 years ago

during the reign of a king named Scor-

The discovery throws open for de-bate a widely held belief among his-

torians that the first people to write were the Sumerians of the Mesopot-

amian civilization sometime before

While the exact date of Sumerian

writing remains in doubt, the Egyptian

tainty to between 3300 B.C. and 3200

B.C., said Gunter Dreyer, head of the

The writings, in the form of line

German Archaeological Institute.

3000 B.C., or 5,000 years ago.

pion in southern Egypt.

As published, "I, Rigoberta Men-hu" portrays Vicente Menchu Perez, nine children, of whom Rigoberta was the sixth, as rigorous Christians forced by poverty, Indian blood and lack of movement, but members are either cruelly killed or driven into exile by

The unifying thread of the tale is the 22-year struggle by Vicente Menchu to gain title to fertile land that he cleared and tilled himself but that was coveted by wealthy ranchers who harassed him with lawyers and gunmen.

That is not how people here, including ten about me all over the world by people current relationship with Miss Burgos as who have read the book and made com"nonexistent" because of a disagreeAs they tell it, Vicente Menchu was locked in a battle with Antonio Tum Castro, his wife's uncle, and his sons. People interviewed here also ex-

> One brother, Nicolas Menchu, turns out to be alive and well, the owner of a

Mr. Dreyer said.

an exciting find.

more cautious,

to regard," he said.

pressed skepticism about Miss Menchu's account of the death of two of her She said she still has the original re- well-kept homestead here.

In Royal Egyptian Tomb, Hints of First Writings

glyphics used by later Pharaonic dy- tant, but added, "I have an open mind nasties did not "rise as Phoenix from on this and would like to see" more the ashes" but developed gradually, evidence on the comparative ages of the Egyptian and Mesopotamian "Linguists now have a larger history

At this point, "I would say it is likely

An American archaeologist called it that writing was invented in both places," he said, The bulk of Mr. Dreyer's discovery This would be one of the greatest discoveries in history of writing and was from the tomb of a king called ancient Egyptian culture." said Kent Scorpion in a cemetery in Suhag Weeks, professor of Egyptology at the Province, 500 kilometers (300 miles)

American University in Cairo. south of Cairo. Describing Mr. Dreyer as a "very Since 1985, Mr. Dreyer and his team meticulous scholar. Mr. Weeks said have unearthed about 300 pieces of the German archaeologist would not written material on clay tablets barely discoveries are carbon-dated with cerhave disclosed his findings without bebigger than postage stamps and clay ing "absolutely certain." jars and vases with ink impressions.

But John Baines, a professor of Egyptology at Oxford University, was far more developed than previously thought, Mr. Dreyer said. "In

The pressure will continue on Wednesday in Republican and Democratic caucuses ahead of the debate Thursday. Leaders of each party say impeachment votes should be a matter of con-

But Republicans, at least, have made That is important because censure, as

favored a resolution of public censure.

office. But only 29 percent said they would be "angry" if that happened.

James Zogby, president of the Washington-based Arab American Institute. said: "Palestinians have never been viewed as equal people in the United

estinian leaders in Gaza on Monday, said Mr. Zogby, who attended the event and heard the speech, Mr. Clinton "talked with such feeling about the Palestinian

dispersal, their aspirations." "People were silent in the hall," he said. "No one has ever said those things

Convention Center, was one of gen-erosity and reconciliation, a call for both

Still, what he said in Gaza on Monday broke new ground, whether in its empathy for Palestinian concerns about ton left Jerusalem without a further lands to the pathy for Palestinian concerns about ton left Jerusalem without a further lands to the pathy for Palestinian concerns about ton left Jerusalem without a further lands to the pathy for Palestinian concerns about ton left Jerusalem without a further lands to the pathy for Palestinian concerns about the pathy for Palestinian c

Israeli press commentators on Tues-

Mr. Clinton's oratory wastest uni-

has at best a shaky influence over radical groups like Hamas, whose members re-main hostile to U.S. influence. In Damascus over the weekend; lead-But in the zero-sum game that Middle and also the Wye and Oslo peace agree the battle to define the day's events was date have avoided the most critical is-

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Mr. Baines said that Mr. Dreyer's principle, they were able to express themselves clearly," he said. manuscript and had no reason to doubt its veracity. Nevertheless, he said, "there is no question of revoking the decades later. Given the pace of events, they suggested, a Palestinian state may were very much doubting that."

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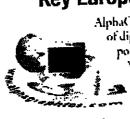
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Jean-Marie Le Pen addressing colleagues Tuesday at National Front headquarters in Saint-Cloud, near Paris, as he barred party dissidents from the meeting. failed to develop the image of conservative

Even as French Far Right Implodes, Its Ideas Remain

By John Vinocur ional Herald Tribune

- With a kind of arrused revulsion, much of France has been caught up for more than a week watching the disemboweling of Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front in a televised power struggle presumed to leave the extreme-right party weakened

Mr. Le Pen and his now suspended deputy, Bruno Megret, have been at each other's throats, exchanging charges of infamy and treason, references to Caesar and Brutus, and accusations about who is racist and dictatorial. Full of vanity, pettiness, unreality in comic portions — and coming in a society where ridiculousness is said to kill - the spectacle provided by the National Front would seem deadly.

Greeted as unexpected, windfall relief, the party's implosion has led to a widely repeated idea that it means the approaching end of an embarrassing French exception: the existence here, with roughly 15 percent of the vote, of Europe's biggest, richest and best-organized force for divisiveness and exclusion.

The expectation is not unreasonable, but it has little to do with how the National Front gained its strength, and possibly the future of its ideas, in France.

The Front's ascension was not an accident, but the result of circumstances in which successive governments never raised the fight against racial discrimination to the level of a preeminent national undertaking. At the same time, while the parties of the democratic right left intact in the nation's consciousness all the equivocal aspects of its wartime collaboration with the Nazis.

Because these elements have not essentially changed, because French mainstream politics watched rather than engineered the National Front's misery, it seems very much less than certain that the neo-fascist currents it rode to influence will dissipate and not find new channels. In essence, the National Front's fissures did not result

from its gathering weakness, but from a rivalry between leader and protégé that had in part to do with their clashing ANALYSIS views on how to widen the party's base.

The party's potential for attracting voters was clearly illustrated Monday night. While the Front's factions squabbled on the main state television network, riot police battled young people from a housing project in Toulouse following the fatal shooting by the police of a 17-year-old named Habib as he

allegedly attempted to steal a car.

The event had all ingredients of the Front's message: violence linked to someone with an Arab-sounding name, insecurity in the streets, the threat of rebellion in big city housing projects where large portions of the country's North African Arabs and black Africans live. At the same time, it had also the clear markings of the failure of both leftist and rightist governments over the last decades to create a sense of their engagement in the lives of France's immigrant population.

A report by an independent, government-

reformers during 1980s and 1990s, the leftist leadership of President Francois Mitterrand ing to call attention to how far the situation had deteriorated, got five paragraphs in the newspaper Le Figaro. It warned of the "rise and seriousness" of discrimination that victimized foreigners and French citizens of foreign origin, and endorsed another report that said French television widely represented immigrants as makers of problems, figures of ridicule and welfare recipients.

France had chosen to regard the victory of its World Cup soccer team, made up of players of all colors, as a sign of its growing ease with the idea a multicultural society, but the fact was no mainstream political party had ever taken the risk of making integration of the nonwhite population (estimated as up to 10 percent of the total) an emblematic, winor-lose issue. Rather, the Socialist government has appeared to think it could hold onto votes by pressing ahead with a policy that aimed at expelling thousands of nondocumented immigrants.

However destructive the current debate, it largely has left alone the wider political context that enabled the National Front's suces. Noel Mamere, a Greens party National Assembly deputy, linked the wide acceptance of the party's excesses to what he said was the undigested fact of the country's partial embrace of fascism in World War'II.

The Front's rise, with old collaborators in visible roles, occurred during the presidency of Mr. Mitterrand, who altered voting rules so that the Front could drain votes from the democratic right and enter Parliament. In the final years of his presidency, Mr. Mitterrand's close, postwar association with former party its unique place in Europe's politics.

Vichy officials became known, and his ambivalent attitudes about the period grew more apparent. The circumstances served to strengthen the Front's contention that the entire French political establishment was corrupt and that it alone dared to speak its mind

In relation to the rightist parties that have moved in and out of government since the early 1980s, the Front has been helped substantially by their difficulties with modernization. Above all, the French right never really bought into the policies of open markets and deregulation that conferred a measure of success and economic egitimacy on conservative parties in the United States and Britain.

As the classic French right remained largely statist and unable to claim it was leading the country to an economic rebirth, it was not hard for the extremists to say that both wings of the mainstream were really the same. Perhaps more important, in finding calamity in the globalization of markets or in the domination of the English language on the world's cultural exchanges, the two main parties contributed to legitimizing the Front's theses of cabals and occult forces working to repress France.

Now, most French political analysts assume that the party's split and possible movement into two competing forces will result in palpable losses for the extreme right in the June elections for the European Parliament. The problem for France seems hardly that the political mainstream will not be able to consolidate its positions on the back of the National Front, but that it might do so skirting the circum-stances that have given the French extremist

U.S. Warns Kosovo Foes **Against Further Clashes**

PRISTINA, Serbia — The U.S. Balkans envoy. Richard Holbrooke, warned Tuesday that the opposing sides in Kosovo would be "playing with dynamite" if they continued recent vi-

olence and said it would not deter international peace efforts. 'We are determined to continue our efforts, and we call on all the people to understand they are playing with dy-namite if they follow a deteriorating pattern," Mr. Holbrooke said at a news conference in Pristina, the capital of the volatile Serbian province, where 37

people were reported killed on Monday. Mr. Holbrooke flew Tuesday to Yugoslavia to try to reinvigorate the peace process in Kosovo, where ethnic Albanian guerrillas and Yugoslav security forces battled for eight months this year before a shaky truce was es-

tablished in October. Later Tuesday, he was due to meet with the Yugoslav president, Slobodan Milosevic, in Belgrade to "emphasize the need to move ahead expeditiously" on a Kosovo peace plan. Mr. Milosevic agreed in October under the threat of NATO air strikes to pull out many of his

forces from Kosovo. Mr. Holbrooke and Mr. Milosevic brokered the Oct. 12 agreement to end the fighting in Kosovo, a province of Yugoslavia's main republic, Serbia. The deal bought time for diplomats to work out an agreement on the future of the province, where ethnic Albanian

rebels are fighting for independence.
Fighting on Kosovo's border with Albania on Monday resulted in 31 ethnic Albanian guerrillas being killed by Yugoslav troops. In a separate incident masked gunraen opened fire in a Serbian café, killing six youths.

Detonations heard Tuesday indicated that fighting was continuing into a second day. Area residents said the Yugoslav Army had sent armored vehicles and at least one helicopter into the remote area Tuesday and continued to bar anyone from entering.

Mr. Holbrooke said new clashes

would "not in any way deter the international community to carry out its obligations" to work for peace, "nor our insistence that the authorities and the leaders of all communities here act in accordance with them." (Reuters, AP)

■ New Call to Shore Up Peace

Western powers called Tuesday for urgent action to shore up the fragile peace process in Bosnia and voiced fears about renewed violence in nearby Kosovo, Reuters reported from Madrid.

More than 50 countries and international organizations met in Madrid for a two-day conference of the Bosnia Peace Implementation Council to push Bosnian leaders to do more to bridge the ethnic divide following their 1992-95 war.

Leaders of NATO and the European Union urged both sides in the Kosovo conflict to start peace negotiations.



A riot policeman on Tuesday patrolling a suburb of Toulouse, where youths have rampaged since Sunday.

In Ulster, Police Fear New Violence as Peace Pact Lags

By James F. Clarity New York Times Service

BELFAST - The British and Irish governments are moving to deal with rising tension between the Protestant majority and the Roman Catholic minority in Northern Ireland.

The hostility stems from the lagging peace effort and from an old dispute about a Protestant parade through a Catholic area. The police fear new violence. The offices of Prime Ministers Tony

Blair of Britain and Bertie Ahern of the Irish Republic have made it clear that they wanted results before Christmas. The prime ministers apparently talked to Ulster leaders by phone Monday,

urging compromise.

There are so many sharks in the water," said David McKittrick, author of several standard reference works on Northern Ireland. "But it would be overstating it to say the thing is on the

point of collapse." The work of the new Northern Ireland Assembly, which is supposed to enact the peace agreement approved in the spring, has come to a virtual standstill, blocked by the dispute over when the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republican Army must disarm. Protestant unionists say it must start very soon; Catholic nationalists point out that the peace agreement stipulates only the disarmament of all paramilitary by May 2000.

During the weekend, the IRA made it clear it would maintain its 16-month-old cease-fire, but restated its refusal to disarm in the near future. In recent days the tone of invective has sharpened between David Trimble, the powerful Protestant leader who is first minister of the assembly, and officials of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing. Mr. Trimble has barred Sinn Fein from full participation in the peace effort until the IRA begins to disarm.

Sinn Fein officials said Mr. Trimble was trying to provoke an IRA attack, but that the IRA would hold its cease-fire. Neither he, nor other Republican officials, would discuss reports that hawks were gaining power in the IRA military council. Mr. Ahern has indicated that a reported reshuffle of the leaders of the IRA was not a matter of concern. Police here and in Dublin say the situation may encourage maverick IRA guerrillas, who oppose the peace agreement ad the IRA cease-fire, to make new attacks on military and commercial targets.

With this in mind, the Irish police commissioner, Pat Byrne, said he was sending additional anti-terrorist specialists to monitor the border. Most recent Republican attacks have been done by guerrillas based in the Irish Republic.

David Ervine, a former Protestant guerrilla who now leads the Progressive Unionist Party in the new assembly, said, "The IRA must say that their desire is that no more violence will take place.

taminated by the flare-up of an old dispute about a patriotic Protestant parade through a Catholic area of Portadown, 40 miles (60 kilometers) west of Belfast. The parade was banned in July after the Catholics who live along its path objected that the march would be insulting and triumphalist, as it celebrates a definitive Protestant victory over Catholics in

For five months, several hundred Protestants have stayed poised in the Drumcree church area from whence the march would descend into the Catholic area. Police and army have blocked their way, which has led in recent weeks to clashes between the Protestants of the

On Monday, the Parades Commission

Calm Is Urged **After Further Toulouse Riots**

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PARIS - Prime Minister Lionel Jospin appealed for calm Tuesday after two days of rioting in immigrant neighborhoods of the southwestern city of Toulouse.

Referring to youths who have ram-paged through three areas of the city, Mr. Jospin said in a radio interview:
"This government does not look at events with an ethnic view but with a republican view where all have the same rights. But it is not by violence that these rights will progress

The riots began after the police shot and killed Habib Muhammed, 17, the son of Algerian immigrants, as he was trying to steal a car Sunday.

Mr. Jospin said that interim Interior Minister Jean-Jack Queyranne had "the impression that things did not happen as they should have" when the youth was shot by the police.

"The police have a very difficult job," Jospin said on RTL radio. "They must make people respect the law, which applies to everyone. But clearly they must use judgment."
"You do not use your weapon in the

same way against a hostage taker, a bank robber or a car thief, even if car theft is a crime," he said.

The youth's friends, who said he was left to die in a gutter, went on a rampage that French newspapers compared to the Palestinian intifada, or oprising, against

Israel in the occupied territories. During the second day of rioting Monday, masked youths burned 30 cars and hurled rocks and gasoline bombs at the police, who fired tear-gas grenades and

rubber bullets. Three policemen we hurt Monday and six the previous day. Mr. Jospin said the rioting youths should take comfort from the fact that two police involved in the shooting had been detained for questioning and that the head of the police unit had been suspended. The authorities were awaiting the results of an autopsy on the youth. The officers contend the shooting was accidental. (Reuters, AP)

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Germans Study An Auto Ban For the Elderly

The Associated Press BERLIN — Getting a German driver's license is an arduous, expensive undertaking. But once the little pink card is yours, it's yours for life.

Or maybe not. Worried that an aging population could lead to more accidents on the roads, Transport Minister Franz Muentefering is suggesting setting an upper

age limit for driving.

He was not specific about how old is too old, but the very idea that seniors could lose their licenses set off a storm of protest Tuesday in this car-crazed

"Bonn wants to take driver's licenses away from old people" the Berliner Morgenpost newspaper said on its front page Tuesday. "Driving Ban for Seniors" cried the BZ tabloid. Mr. Muentefering told the BZ that he

simply wanted to raise the issue for discussion. "People today are getting much older and driving cars longer," he said.

Senior citizen groups and car clubs denounced the idea of a standard age limit as "absolute nonsense," pointing to statistics that show young people fresh out of driving school are the most dangerous.

Germans must spend long hours in

private driving schools, costing a minimum of 1,500 Deutsche marks (\$900), before they can even apply for the driver's license tests, which cost extra. But once the license is granted, it never has to be renewed and is revoked only if the driver gets in trouble - for example, because he is convicted of

drunken driving.

The time for playing games is over"

The atmosphere has also been con-

Orange Order and the police.

said an Orange march could take place on Saturday, through Portadown.

Yeltsin Vows to Push Democratic Reforms

BRIEFLY

MOSCOW - President Boris Yeltsin, striving to reassert his authority after weeks of illness, said Tuesday that Russia would push on with reforms and maintain an active foreign policy despite its severe financial crisis.

"No economic hardships can force us to divert from the path of demo-cratic reforms." Mr. Yeltsin told new foreign ambassadors in the Kremlin. "Even less shall we divert from an active and constructive foreign

Yelfsin, 67, spoke clearly and confidently in television footage of the ceremony nearly a week after he left s hospital following more than two weeks of treatment for pneumonia the latest in a series of absences because of ill health. (Reuters)

EU Defers Ban On Animal Parts

BRUSSELS — European Union farm ministers deferred for one year legislation due to come into force on Jan. I banning animal parts believed to be most at risk of carrying mad cow

The legislation had threatened a trans-Atlantic trade dispute because of its implications for pharmaceuticals and cosmetics manufacturers, which use ingredients such as tallow derived from cattle in their products. A ban could have cost them billions of

The ban covered parts of animals

such as the brain, eyes and spinal cord and prohibited them not only from the food chain but also inclusion in industrial products.

Sweden and Brazil Get Greek Contract

ATHENS — Turning its back on U.S. military contractors, Greece awarded a \$ 570 million contract Tuesday for Swedish-Brazilian sur-

veillance aircraft. The four-plane order marks the first major foreign military contract for the Erieye radar system of the Swedish telecommunications gians Telefon AB LM Ericsson. The equipment is fitted onto an EMB-145 aircraft built by the Brazilian manufacturer Embraer.

A French company Thomson-CSF, will supply some of the electron-

Official Investigated In Kurd Rebel Case

ROME — Rome magistrates opened an investigation Tuesday into Justice Minister Oliviero Diliberto over his handling of the case of the Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan

after complaints by a lawyer representing Turkey, judicial sources said.

The investigation was opened after an anorney, Augusto Sinagra, file da complaint alleging Mr. Diliberto had abused his nower when he compressed. abused his power when he commen-ted on Mr. Ocalan's detention just before the Rome Court of Appeal had passed judgment about his ar-

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Western-style democracy.

Jiang Casts His Vote in Elections Denied to Dissidents

BEUING — President Jiang Zemin cast his vote Tuesday in local elections in which opposition active the elections are tightly controlled But I still went to the polling ists have been banned by the au- by the Chinese Communist Party, station to vote for myself today, he thorntes from running as candidates.

town polling place in Beijing this morning to cast his vote in a local legislative election," the official Xinhua press agency reported Tues-

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At least three dissidents attempted in recent weeks to register as candidates for the elections to the National People's Congress. ._ County, district and township elections have been held in China

gresses are not elected by direct franchise but through a series of recommendations made largely by party members.

He Depu, a longtime activist; began a campaign ahead of local elections in Beijing's eastern choose representatives to local Chaoyang district in September on a councils under China's Parliament, platform of demands for democratic reforms in China.

His candidacy was invalidated by the authorities before polling began,

horines from running as candidates. which has the power to eliminate said, adding he would also attend the 'President Jiang visited a down- any 'undesirable' candidates. count to see how his ballot paper own polling place in Beijing this Members of the people's con- was dealt with.

Two other dissidents, Gao Hongming and Wang Zhixin, also candidates in local elections who had their candidacies annulled by authorities, announced earlier this month

they had dropped out of the contest.
The trio blamed previous representatives for failing to stand up to the Communist Party and govern-

fledgling opposition China Democ- Youcai, in the eastern city of Hang-

since 1954, though they were sus-although be collected three times the pended during the Cultural Revonumber of signatures required for number of signatures required for lution in the late '60s and '70s. But nomination.

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Intimidation by authorities has Li Peng, second-ranking in the left Mr. Wang and Mr. Qin without Chinese Communist Party hierlawyers to defend them two days archy, said in a recent interview that of opposition parties or introduce

China would not allow the creation of opposition parties or introduce before they go on trial.

Beijing held elections for deputies to district councils in 10 urban To make the party line even clear- districts. Xinhua said authorities er, authorities began a crackdown were expecting 5.67 million people

last week, arresting two high-profile dissidents, Xu Wenli and Qin Yongthorities as the leading figure in the

China Democracy Party.

Together with two other activists. Mr. Qin is to be tried Thursday in the central city of Wuhan, on the he submitted an application to forsame day as the trial of the founder Activists connected to the of China Democracy Party, Wang mally register the party in Hangzhou

BRIEFLY

Police Checked Anwar's DNA

KUALA LUMPUR - The police obtained a blood sample from former Deputy Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim to test whether he was HIV positive, a senior police officer testified Tuesday at Mr. Anwar's corruption and sexual misconduct trial.

The assistant commissioner of police. Musa Hassan, did not say what the results of that test were or why the police felt compelled to test him for the human immunodeficiency virus, which leads to AIDS. But the officer surprised the High Court by admitting during cross-examination that the sample had been used to obtain a DNA fingerprint. Mr. Anwar was not told about the DNA test, Mr. Musa said.

The test has been used to determine whether DNA in the semen stains on a mattress, produced as evidence in court Tuesday, matched the DNA in the sample. The court was not told of the result. Prosecutors say the mattress was seized from an apartment that they contend Mr. Anwar used for secret sexual encounters.

Indonesian Ruling Party Splits

JAKARTA — Prominent members of Indonesia's governing Golkar party, distancing themselves from the Suharto regime, said Tuesday that they would form a breakaway party to contest the national election in June. The group, which includes former Golkar ministers and military chiefs, said it was disillusioned with the party

that had dominated Indonesia for 30 years. Our main priority is to value and improve human rights and to fight for the freedom of every individual." said Edi Sudradjat, an armed forces chief and defense

minister under the previous president, Suharto. He said the new Justice and Unity Party had the backing of General Try Sutrisno, once Mr. Suharto's potential successor. General Surrisno is a former Suharto aide who rose to become armed forces chief and was vice president until May. He is now rated a dark horse for the presidential election that will follow the June 7 national poll. (Reuters)

India Planes Get Safety System

NEW DELHI -- Most airlines operating in India have installed airborne collision-avoidance systems in their aircraft before a Dec. 31 deadline, a senior Civil Aviation

Ministry official said Tuesday.

"I would say that almost 90 percent of airlines have completed installation of the system." the official said. The system warns a pilot if the aircraft is on a collision are well as the system in the system warns a pilot of the aircraft is on a collision are well as the system in November 1996, 349 people died course with another. In November 1996, 349 people died when a Kazakh Airlines aircraft collided with a Saudi Arabian Airlines plane over India.

Waste Dump Worries Cambodia

PHNOM PENH - The discovery of 3,000 tons of waste left near Cambodia's only seaport has environ-mental officials fearing their country is being used as a

toxic dumping ground.

The jumble of rubble and dirt was found last week 185 kilometers (115 miles) southwest of Phnom Penh on the outskirts of the port of Sihanoukville. It was shipped from Taiwan by a local company in November, Environment Minister Mok Mareth said Tuesday. Secrecy surrounding the waste has led to fears that it is toxic, he added. (AP)

U.S. Food Aid Could End Deadlock in North Korea

By Philip Shenon
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - North Korea, inexchange for food aid, has dropped a that the United States would never make demand that the United States pay hun- a cash payment for the right to inspect the dreds of millions of dollars for the right to inspect a huge underground center that American intelligence agencies had feared would be used to make nuclear weapons, according to senior Clinton administration officials.

In meetings with State Department officials in New York and Washington this month, they said, the North Koreans suggested they would be willing to allow the United States to inspect the facility in exchange for food to ease the famine that has plagued North Korea for

U.S. officials welcomed the new negoriating stance - both because it could salvage a four-year-old agreement intended to shut down North Korea's nuclear weapons program and because it he said, adding that further meetings suggested that Pyongyang had not yet would be held "as soon as possible to begun building a nuclear reactor at the

Earlier, they said, the North Koreans

demand Washington had rejected.
"The main thing is that they have agreed in principle to allow access to the site, which suggests that there probably isn't anything there," a senior admin-istration official said. "It also indicates that whatever plans they had for this facility have been scrapped."

Another senior official said: "We

seem to be in a problem-solving mode. We're still apart, but there seem to be

real negotiations going on. Administration officials had insisted underground center, which is being built 40 kilometers (25 miles) from the North Korean nuclear complex at Yongbyon.

But they said Monday that it would be easier to justify additional food and other relief aid, especially given recent reports of widespread starvation in North Korea. The United States has already provided North Korea with 500,000 metric tons of food this year.

The State Department refused to confirm that the North Koreans had dropped the cash demand for inspection of the site. But a department spokesman, James Foley, acknowledged that "some progress had been made" in the recent talks between U.S. and North Korean negotiators. "Important gaps remain,"

try to close those gaps.

Administration officials denied South Korean news reports that Washington had demanded a payment of \$300 mil- and Pyongyang had already reached lion in exchange for the inspection—a agreement on a deal to allow American inspection of the construction site.

Aerial photographs taken this year on behalf of U.S. intelligence agencies showed thousands of laborers at work on the huge underground plant. The discovery led to fears that North Korea had decided to revive its nuclear weapons program at the site in violation of a 1994 agreement with the United States.





As Chung Ju Yung of the Hyundai Group left for North Korea on Tuesday, Northern soldiers took pictures of their Southern counterparts at the border village, Panmunjom.

Seoul Magnate Goes North

SEOUL - The owner of South Korea's largest industrial conglomerate crossed the heavily armed border into North Korea on Tuesday to discuss tourism and other business opportunities in the reclusive Communist nation.

Chung Ju Yung, 84, the founder of the Hyundai Group, and several aides walked into the North through the neutral village of Panmunjom inside the demilitarized zone separating the Koreas. It was his third visit this year.

Mr. Chung said he would discuss building an industrial park on North Korea's west coast to accommodate textile, footwear and other businesses that would be moved from the South.

Hyundai began operating sightseeing cruise tours of Diamond Mountain, a scenic attraction on the North's east coast, on Nov. 18.

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Censure, Don't Impeach

President Bill Clinton is a manipulator of the truth who has spent much of his career in the gray zones of American politics. It is not just a no-man'sland between the parties and their philosophies that he seeks to occupy. Time and again, his self-protective instincts have led him across the dividing line between principle and deviousness and, unfortunately, the line between truth and falsehood as well.

The people knew that about him in 1992, and again in 1996. Both his personal and political histories attested to it. They elected, and re-elected, him anyway. Now the House Republicans. on the strength of the ultimate example of those manipulative tendencies, propose to reverse that popular judgment and set in motion a process to remove him from office.

They lack the basis for the momentous step they are almost casually undertaking. It's an ill-considered force play on their part, and wrong. We do not say that as apologists for this president; we are anything but. Nor do we seek to defend his behavior in this case. which continues to be contemptible and plainly wrong. The question is not whether wrong was done but whether the wrong is sufficient to impeach.

The Judiciary Committee has sent four articles of impeachment to the floor. Two are prosecutorial confections that have no place in the debate. The charge of abuse of power for failing to answer questions to the committee's satisfaction sets a precedent with which no one should be comfortable. The potentially most damaging charge of obstruction of justice remains unproved; it is based on inconclusive evidence which the committee unaccountably chose never in-

dependently to explore. The remaining charges of lying under oath and otherwise are proved all too well. The president's own lawyers acknowledged that he failed to tell the truth even as they denied he committed the technical offense of perjury; "maddening," one called it, in an effort to seem sympathetic to Mr. Clinton's critics even as he minimized their complaint. But it is more than maddening. The system of justice is warped when a witness fails to tell the truth; the legitimacy of government likewise depends, even in an age of attack ads, on the ability of the public ultimately to trust what it is told by those in authority. The president's offense is the greater because he continues to be dismissive of the substantive importance of what he did. He wants the standard of judgment lower, for him, without his having even to say the words that might raise it again for those who come after.

But the question at this stage is not what he did. It's what does the country do. The House Republicans would seize the occasion to bounce him from office. To do such a thing in a case like this on a party-line basis is itself to bend the system of government out of shape. The sense that this is in part a partisan reflex is compounded by the refusal of the Republican leadership to allow a vote on the alternative of censure. Did they do this, as many people charge, for fear the alternative would pass, and to leave members without the alternative to impeachment that many, for substantive and political reasons alike, would prefer? They say they are leaving impeachment to the conscience of individual members, but that the procedural vote to allow the alternative of censure will be a matter of party discipline. What manner of conscience is that?

It is wrong to try to box in the House in this manner. The hard-liners make a mistake from which the moderates in the party should save them - and all of us. Censure is not a meaningless act. Read the resolution the president would be called upon to acknowledge by signing. It is unmistakable in its condemnation of his destructive behavior; it would leave an indelible mark on his presidency.

If the choice is between a response to this behavior that goes too far and one that goes not quite far enough, the latter is the preferable alternative. The Republican leaders themselves seem shaky about what they are about to do, as well they should be. They call on him to resign; that would let them off the hook. We wrote in this space months ago that resignation would be an honorable course, but he chose not to take it then, and it is not their place to urge it

for their own convenience now. The Senate is thought unlikely tovote to remove the president even if the House does vote to impeach him. But that does not make this a free vote for the House, either. It would not trivialize the impeachment clause to invoke it in this case, but it would lower the standard for impeachment. That is the choice this president confronts us with. What will he drag down with him? Censure minimizes the damage while expressing the necessary condemnation. It is an imperfect answer, but the right one. The House leadership does a huge disservice in blindly refusing to let it come up.

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A Step Forward in Gaza

The five-year quest for peace in the Middle East has been characterized by ful line. He emphasized the political advances the Palestinians have already long periods of frustration, but also by made under the Oslo peace accords, moments of transformation and hope. One of those occasions unfolded Monday in Gaza City as many of the same Palestinian leaders who had dedicated themselves to the destruction of Israel committed themselves instead to nonviolent methods in the pursuit of a compromise peace.

In the presence of President Bill Clinton, the Palestine National Council formally revoked passages of its charter that called for the violent elimination of Israel. These old oaths of enmity understandably unnerved Israelis and undermined their trust in Palestinian promises to abandon and combat terrorism. Israel's prime minister. Benjamin Netanyahu, who had personally led the struggle for an unambiguous repudiation of the offending clauses, promptly and properly acknowledged the Palestinian decision. In his own words and deeds Monday. Mr. Clinton walked a narrow but care-

without quite treating the Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, as a full-fledged head of state. Noting that he was "the first American president to address the Palestinian people in a city governed by Palestinians," Mr. Clinton described the economic benefits that would flow from this autumn's Wye River peace agreement, including American aid and the opening of the new Gaza airport. No one imagines that further progress will be easy. The uncertainties of

Israeli politics, the violence of recent Palestinian demonstrations and the occasionally overheated rhetoric of Israeli and Palestinian political leaders all complicate the peace effort. But if the unambiguous commitment to peaceful methods reflected in Monday's speeches and actions is faithfully maintained by the Palestinians, Israelis will feel far more comfortable about proceeding with the Oslo agreements.

South Korea on the Mend

It seems everyone was paying at-tention last year when South Korea's economy was collapsing and the United States, Japan and the International Monetary Fund were pledging \$58 bilion in emergency loans. Far fewer people took note last week when South Korea announced it would begin paying off those debts. The repayment fairly symbolizes the progress South Korea has made under President Kim Dae Jung. Its foreign reserves have been built up. Interest rates that had soared have descended to pre-crisis levels. The Korean won has strengthened.

None of this means South Korea's crisis is over, any more than Asia overall is out of the woods. Analysts in

Seoul predict that the South Korean economy might bottom out next summer and resume growth in the autumn. That sounds good until you realize it means many more months of pain for ordinary South Koreans, millions of whom have lost jobs or seen their liv-

ing standards drop dramatically. But South Koreans have several things going for them - not only the strong democracy they have built during the past decade but also their unwillingness from the start to blame anyone but themselves for their troubles and their readiness to work hard to fix those problems. The repayment announced ast week is an encouraging result.

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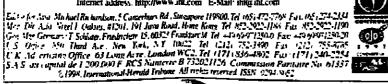
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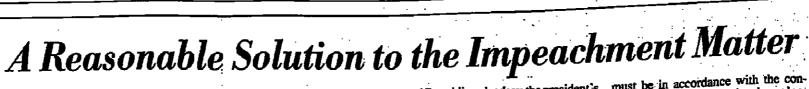
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WASHINGTON — While no longer a member of Congress, as the Republican presidential candidate in 1996 I do have more than a passing interest in the pending impeachment

proceeding. Without rehashing that election, suffice it to say that any chance of success I may have had was wiped out by an avalanche of negative television advertising paid for with money raised through questionable fund-raising tactics by the president and vice president. Attorney General Janet Reno has buried her head in the sand on this serious matter, but let's hope that someone in Congress will hold the attorney general accountable and pursue the alleged il-

legal fund-raising activities. Having said that, let me lay out what might be an imperfect but tough and reasonable solution to the pending impeachment matter.

I have reminded myself that to impeach or accuse is the constitutional responsibility of the House; to convict or acquit is the constitutional responsibility of the Senate. I seriously doubt that half the American people understand the complex impeachment process.

Let me also note, at the outset, that many large and small details would have to be worked out by congressional leaders working with the House and Senate parliamentarians and legal counsels.

I've been there and know how much work putting all this together will en-tail, including all the procedural hurdles.

So, here goes: Step No. 1: Vote in the House of Representatives on any or all of the four articles of impeachment reported by the House Judiciary Committee. Step No. 2: Regardless of the outcome of the House vote on any of the four articles, the Senate majority leader

By Boh Dole

would, at the earliest possible time, introduce in the Senate a joint resolution (numbered 1600 if possible). The resolution would contain the essence or 'guts" of all articles of impeachment considered by the House, plus any other necessary language, as determined by

the Senate majority leader.

Step No. 3: After suspending or amending the rules governing impeachment proceedings, the Senate would take up and consider the joint resolution under a time agreement.

The vice president (president of the Senate) would preside at all times. No amendments except technical amendments offered by the majority leader would be in order.

All points of order would be

Step No. 4: Upon final action by the Senate, the House of Representatives would take up the joint resolution: no amendments in order, except technical amendments offered by the speaker or his designee. Points of order would be waived. The resolution would be considered under a time agreement.

Step No. 5: If a House-Senate conference is necessary, the conference report would be considered under a time agreement in both the House and Conditions

1. The president announces his intention to support and sign the joint resolution before any action on the

resolution by the Senate. a. The president agrees to sign the joint resolution at a public signing ceremony attended by the vice president, congressional leadership and other appropriate members of the House and Senate recommended by Democratic preme Court, and others as recommen-

ded by House and Senate leaders. b. White House, Senate and House media - television, radio, print and photographers - shall be present

c. The site, date and hour of the ceremony is to be determined by the House speaker, or his designee, and the Senate majority leader.

d. Copies of the signed joint resolution, with an appropriate presidential letter, are to be forwarded to members of the cabinet, members of Congress and heads of other government agencies. This is to be completed within seven days of signing the joint resolution.

2. The overall agreement is to be determined by the speaker, or his designee, and the Senate majority leader. Possible items:

a. All congressional action completed and the president's signature af-fixed on or by Jan. 2, 1999.

b. Bipartisan. Any agreement in the House or Senate with reference to the proceedings shall be inoperative if the president, vice president and Democratic congressional leaders fail to publicly and actively support the joint res-olution. Support is to be demonstrated by the president, vice president and Democratic leadership in House and Senate, prior to and throughout consideration of the joint resolution. Republican leaders also agree to publicly and actively support it.

c. The speaker, or his designee, and the majority leader shall outline procedure, rules, time and any and all other matters pertaining to debate and dis-position of the joint resolution, and could, if appropriate, include provisions relating to the president's legal obligations upon leaving office.

3. Penalties. Any penalty imposed

and Republican leaders; the president's must be in accordance with the concabinet; the chief justice of the Sustitution and could require the voluntary agreement by the president to overcome the prohibition against bills of attainder.

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Summary

These are my ideas. They are offered in good faith. I have consulted with no

They may not be worthy of a second thought, but I believe the suggestions could lead to a fairly broad bipartisan result. There is scarcely anyone who believes that the required 67 senators would vote to convict the president on any of the four articles of impeachment approved by the House Judiciary Committee, notwithstanding what the full House might do.

I hope these suggestions will be seen as a blending of responsibility and justice, which will permit an expeditious disposition of the entire matter before the new 106th Congress begins work in January 1999.

It is also my hope that pursuing the above suggested outline, or a modified version thereof, would demonstrate to the vast majority of Americans that Republican congressional leaders will fulfill their constitutional responsibilities, clear the decks and move forward when the 106th Congress convenes on

I cannot imagine a better way for Republicans to start the new year than by taking charge, and producing just results, at this historic moment. It is time for a tough but responsible conclusion. Maybe these ideas will be a starting point for a bipartisan ending.

The writer, the former Senate majority leader, was the Republican candidate for president in 1996. He contributed this comment to The New York

The Political Process Is Working Just as the Founders Intended

By David S. Broder.

WASHINGTON — When it was suggested here a few weeks ago that the impeachment process, then about to begin in the House Judiciary states — who signed up in or-Committee, could be an inder to thwart those very amend-

structive experience for the country, many readers respond-With the single exception of Representative Lindsey Gra-ham of South Carolina, who ed incredulously. But despite many obstacles, that process has begun to work. We have had broke ranks with his fellow Rea healthy debate about the conpublicans to oppose one of the stitutional standard for removperjury counts, party lines held ing a president from office, and firm on all the final votes. we are now having an equally

important discussion about the role of public opinion in a re-The national conversation Richard Nixon. has not been all that it might have been, in part because the television networks, in flagrant

disregard of their public ininterrupt their entertainment estrian. Notwithstanding all of this, schedules to carry the House That debate was more na-

ing Watergate, which was no surprise. Judiciary is, as noted here previously, the most ideologically polarized committee in the House, dominated by conservative Republicans who ioined in order to fashion social-issue amendments to the constitution and by liberal of James Carville and some

Democrats - almost half of. White House aides in attemptthem from three Northeastern ing to make Mr. Starr the issue got deservedly short shrift in

committée debates: cused on the proper question, are compatible with his conlaws "are faithfully ex-

No one demonstrated the statesmanship that compelled almost half the Republicans on Judiciary to vote to impeach

And no one yet has done what the late Barbara Jordan did - in lifting the tone of the debate to the level such issues deserve. The oratory so far has been ped-

for those who were watching. listening or reading, the Judi-ciary Committee debate settled two important points.

First, it banished such irrelevancies as the cost and duration of the investigation of the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, and the motives that impelled Mr. Starr to pursue the case. The "war room" tactics

tutional standard for impeachment. The public - which judges him guilty of the crimes of which he now stands accused

Members of both parties fowhether the president's actions stitutional duty to see that the

opposed impeachment on any of them. The television networks, in flagrant disregard of their public interest obligations, refused to carry the House Judiciary Committee debate.

The consensus — and I use they are not. Democrats, in opposing impeachment, concede in their censure resolution that this is a president who has "violated the trust of the American people, lessened their esteem for the office of president and dishonored the office which they have entrusted to him." Republicans go further and say he lied in sworn testimony on

multiple occasions. Honorable men and women can and do differ on whether

On the charge of perjury benot serious enough to justify

these actions meet the consti-

found that majorities of the pub-lic believed the charges in all

says they do not

So now we will have a second of our system of representative government, the deference elected officials owe to the opinion of their constituents and the latitude they should enjoy to substitute. their own views for those of the voters on a matter of huge public

This too is well worth considering. The whole system of representative government has been under challenge. Congress has suffered from persistent voter disapproval, even A Gailup poll released Dec. 10 by CNN and USA Today as individual members have won re-election year after year. In half the states, where the initiative process is available. voters increasingly have chosen to bypass the legislafour of the counts to be true but ture and enact laws themselves.

The Founders deliberately put the impeachment process in the hands of a political branch, Congress, knowing that its members would be held accountable for their decisions at the next election. That is certainly the case now, 80 Republican members of the House. that word advisedly — is that fore the Starr grand jury, for including most of the uncomexample, 71 percent said it was mitted who hold the president's true, but 57 percent said it was fate in their hands, represent districts that voted for Mr. Clin-

ton in 1996. : Those men and women will useful debate - about the nature undoubtedly weigh the political consequences as they consult ? their consciences on the impeachment vote. And that too is exactly as it should be - not : government by public opinion is poll but by officials accountable to the voters.

Only Major Structural Reforms Will Lift East Asia Out of Crisis

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a dramatic reversal in net

cause of the massive credit

By Steven J. Green

INGAPORE - In less than 390 days, many of East Asia's financial markets have made an large blue chip stock on the year the crisis hit, there was an New York Stock Exchange. estimated net private capital The fundamental economic outflow of \$12 billion from the impressive comeback. People have put away their pessimism prospects of the region should and almost embraced optimism. The benchmark Singapore Straits Times stock index is not be judged based simply on the most recent market fluctu-ations. If nothing else, we \$100 billion in one year. It is the the most recent market fluctunearly 60 percent above September levels. Almost all the should have learned over the other regional markets have

much as 70 percent. Does this mean we have reached the bottom and are on the way out of the crisis? Should we just wait, and get ready to ride the wave back up for another decade of the Asian miracle?

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Judiciary Committee debate.

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I do not think so. The way out of the current crisis is first to realize that we are still in one. The long-term fundamental problems of East Asian economies and markets are not over. Remember that the Straits Times stock index sank to the 1,100 level in January, rebounded to go past 1,600 points by March, before plummeting to the 800 level by September. Other regional bourses followed a similar pattern. This volatility will probably continue for some time to come.

There has been no fundamental change in Asia to justify a sustained rally in the financial markets, much less to sustain economic growth in the years ahead. The volatility of the past year is a reflection of the movement of "short-term" money coming in and out of very thin markets, taking advantage of short-term technical movements. It does not take much to move the markets in this region.

In September, the total cap-

italization of the combined

stock markets of the countries

belonging to the Association of

South East Asian Nations was

approximately 300 billion, less

past year that it is dangerous to crunch in the region today. rely on "short-term" money to sustain long-term growth. What must be done to get the region out of the crisis? While

Investors still find that, without greater

some may blame outside forces. the basic structural weaknesses of the regional economies have caused this crisis. Only major structural reforms will yield recovery on a sustained footing. What the region must now do, above all, is undertake reforms

as rapidly as possible to rebuild investor confidence that has been shattered in the past year. Only when this confidence is restored will long-term private sector investors return to Asia. This - and northe "short term" money that comes from the fear of missing an opportunity — is what the region needs to sustain its economic development. While public funds from the

International Monetary Fund and World Bank may help to stabilize the situation, this is an interim solution. It will not solve the problem of investor confidence. In 1996, net private capital flows into the ASEAN economies and South Korea totaled \$93 billion. There were little or no public funds brought hits in the region. Not only have than the market value of a single into the region. In 1997, the they stopped lending, most are other in America at Hartford,

transparency, proper bankruptcy laws, and an effective judicial system, they have no firm architecture to rely on. Although official capital flows primarily in the form of

IMF. World Bank and Asian Development Bank funds, rose to \$27 billion in 1997, they hardly made up for the withdrawal of capital by the private sector. It looks as though the situation in 1998 will be just as bad as in 1997, with private capital continuing to flow out

of, not into, these countries. How can East Asia get private capital to return? It will not be easy. While investors are reputed to have short memories. the bankers who have lost billions in Asia over the past year are not going to forget the lessons of this crisis any time soon. American bankers with whom I have spoken in recent days continue to tell me that the lending market for the region has essentially stopped. Virtually no new money is coming in. Even if, and when, the U.S. banks eventually lend again, the risk premiums are likely to be prohibitively high, so that few can afford to borrow. By comparison. Japanese and European banks have taken even larger

reducing personnel, and some are even closing up shop in the

As for direct equity investments, many American companies are looking for opportunities in the region. But most are still window shopping, not buying. Investors - both creditors and equity investors — cannot deal with the level of uncertainty that now exists in most of

East Asian economies. Apart from the political uncertainty in some countries, investors still find that, without greater transparency, proper bankruptcy laws, and an honest and effective judicial system, they have no firm legal and financial architecture to rely on. A lesson learned from the East

Asian crisis is that better due diligence will need to be done in the future. In the absence of fundamental changes, only short-term trading capital will come looking for bargains.

Yet there is still great growth potential and a huge market in Asia. When the region gets its house in order, it will be able to realtract the money needed to return to long-term economic expansion based on a new more secure foundation.

The writer, U.S. ambassador to Singapore, was chairman of Astrum International Corp. This comment was adapted from a recent speech to the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: Bryan's Dissent

PARIS - [The Herald says in an Editorial:) Mr. Bryan has further qualified for the title of a 'hlack number" by issuing a manifesto. He declares that "a nation cannot exist which is half free and half vassal." As directed against the United States policy of expansion, this new epigram is as meaningless as was that which won for him the Democratic nomination two years ago. "Once hitten, twice shy"; and what likelihood is there of the American public being caught a second time by Mr. Bryan's phrases.

1923: Radio Record

NICE - The record in the transmission of radio messages on a short-wave length was beaten over the distance of more than 3,000 miles separating two amateur sets, the one at Nice and the

Conn. Communications were established and kept up for more than two hours. Mr. Deloy, the French operator, sent five calls, to which American engineers replied with two messages, one addressed to General Ferric. commanding the radio-telephonie services of the French Army, and conveying the compliments of the American amateurs to the French technicians.

1948: Reds in Peiping NANKING - Communist

forces entered Peiping today [Dec. 15], a message to the Nanking Commercial Bank ported. Another message from Peiping said the Communists had captured General Fu Tso-yi. Nationalist commander in North China. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek was pressing for the formation of a new Chinese Cabinet containing men known to be strongly in favor of making. peace with the Communists.



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OPINION/LETTERS

An Epidemic of Sanctions? It's Sheer Nonsense

By Jesse Heims

WASHINGTON — In the sanctions at all but conditions, past year, a handful of limitations or restrictions on U.S. Washington business lobbyists foreign and have waged a blistering campaign on essain placed conditions to persuade the world that Congress has been engaged in a spasm of sanctions proliferation. Reli
and One measure placed conditions on assistance to the Palestine Liberation of sanctions proliferation. Reli
barred aid for military in volved in ance on unilateral sanctions, these training to Haitians involved in lobbyists warn us, is a disturbing drug trafficking or human rights new epidemic.

Their campaign has sparked dozens of news articles and ed- harboring fugitives wanted by the itorials decrying the "sanctions. frenzy" and castigating Congress's "voracious appente" for sanctions.

Normally responsible journaists parrot statistics — conveniently furnished by these business lobbyists — alleging that in the last few years the United States has placed anywhere from onehalf to two-thirds of the world's population under the yoke of eco-

nomic sanctions. This is sheer nonsense. The statistics peddled by the lobbyists are grossly inflated and intentionally misleading. Half of the world is not living under American sanctions - nowhere near it. There is no epidemic. Congress has been cautious and circumspect, passing just a handful of carefully targeted sanctions laws.

One statistic is by now conventional wisdom: In just four years the United States has imposed sanctions 61 times, burdeng 2.3 billion people (42 percent are limited bans affecting only mil-of the world). That would be itary exports to Zaire, Nigeria, Supretty awful, save for one thing — dan, Haiti and Angola. Thirteenit is not true. These figures have
been circulated by the anti-sanctions business group USA Encountry, not an entire industry, but pretty awful, save for one thing gage, based on a study by the National Association of Manufacturers, or NAM. They are a fab

> At my request, the Congressional Research Service evaluated Colombian drug traffickers, the association's claim that from These actions are obviously 1993 through 1996, "61 U.S. laws and executive actions were enacted authorizing unilateral trade bans affecting whole coun-sanctions for foreign policy purtries, entire industries, vast popsanctions for foreign policy purposes. The congressional ulations or access to large markets agency reported that it could not — not of blocking imports from a

> defensibly justify the number.
> How did the manufacturers group come up with 61 sauctions?
> The study alleges that 20 laws were passed by Congress and 41 were imposed by presidential action. This is a gross distortion. fected is also bogus. The study 'Nearly three-quarters of the con-

abuses. One "sanction" blocked assistance to countries knowingly international war crimes tribunals for Rwanda and the former

Yugoslavia. Still another prohib-

countries supporting terrorists.

And what about those 41 "sanctions" imposed by the executive branch? Five are not unilateral, but rather represent U.S. compliance with UN Security Council sanctions—multilateral, by definition. In seven cases, the manufacturers' study counts the same sanction repeatedly, identifying it each time as

a separate sanction. For example, the measure declaring Sudan a terrorist state is counted five times. The trade group lists two cases when no sanction was ever imposed, including a November 1994 executive order that even the study concedes in fine print "did not impose any specific new sanctions on any countries."

Eight cases represent mere restrictions on U.S. foreign aid: Five one specific entity — for example, banning imports from Qinghai Hide & Garment Factory in China for its use of prison slave labor or seizing the assets of individual

These actions are obviously not what most people think of as "sanctions." They think of broad single prison factory in China, seizing the assets of drug barons or halting the sale of lethal weapons to terrorist states.

The claim that 42 percent of the world's population has been afressional measures were not former Zaire as being under U.S.



sanctions because the United States barred sales of defense items to the government. The same goes for China, Nigeria, Mauritania and Pakistan, where the Congressional Research Service notes that such highly targeted actions "put the entire populations of these countries into NAM's calculation, even though

most people."

What is the reality? Between 1993 and 1996, Congress passed and the president signed a total of five new sanctions laws: the Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Act of 1994, the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1996, the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996, the Iran-Libya Sanctions Act of 1996 and the Free Burma 'Act of 1996.

During the same period, the president imposed just four new sanctions: declaring Sudan a tertorist state; banning imports of munitions and ammunition from China; tightening travel-related restrictions, cash remittance levels and the sending of gift parcels to Cuba (restrictions that have since been lifted); and imposing a ban on new contractual agree-

new sanctions. That is it. The allegation of a sanctions epidemic is demonstrably false a myth spread with the intention of misleading Congress, the pub-lic and the business community.

What the lobbyists dislike is not the idea of sanctions but the reason some sanctions are imposed. They tacitly admit that sanctions

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

not reaped the profit she sought. America was O.K. before she good only if they defend business interests, not national interests. According to the lobbyists, the United States should be hamstrung when a government proliferates weapons of mass destruction, commits genocide, tortures its people or supports terrorists. But if that same government floods the American market with cheap TV sets. America should

ments or investment in Iran. Nine throw the book at it. But the business lobbyists cannot say that, so they attempt to confuse the issue with cooked-up data and claims of an epidemic.

> The writer, the semor senator from North Carolina, is chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, This article is adapted hy The New York Times from a

work but insist that sanctions are longer version in Foreign Affairs.

A Bad Column? In response to "Hillary Rod-

ham Clinton Is Too Valuable for Americans to Lose" (Opinion.

Every columnist should be allowed a bad column once a year. and Flora Lewis had hers with the column about the canonization of a living saint, Hillary of Arkansas. The only thing worse than the fawning, whining, flack-in-residence tone of the article was the

Mrs. Clinton made à devil's bargain long ago, and she has pitiful man has shown no remorse

moved to Washington; it will get along fine after we've "lost" her. DAVID H. MAMAUX.

Don't 'Sell' Presidency

This notion of President Clinton being "willing" to accept fines instead of facing impeachment reeks in my nostrils. To me and many other Americans, the thought of putting the presidency up for sale is an outrage. This

for his acts (other than that which he thinks will get him some mileage in the anti-impeachment

I certainly hope that Congress will not even entertain the idea of selling the presidency back to Bill

BOB ELLIS. Rapid City, South Dakota.

Representative Henry Hyde should be put in charge of Amtrak: He certainly knows how to run a railroad.

FRED FREDERICKS. Hong Kong.

The Brouhaha About Y2K: It's Getting 2B 2Much4 Me

By Andy Borowitz

NEW YORK - We have been so preoccupied with the Year ignored the Year 1909 Problem at our peril, experts say.

Simply put, the Year 1999

Problem is this: In 1999, we will

MEANWHILE

experience a sudden, frightening surge in the number of articles printed about the Year 2000 Problem. Some of these articles will suggest that computers will fail to recognize the number 2000, putting a stranglehold on global com-

Other articles will assen that computers will in fact recognize the number 2000, as they deal with numbers all day and have a pretty good idea what they look like.

All of these articles, however, will have one thing in common: They will be very boring. Unless we can find a way to make the Year 2000 Problem a much more interesting topic, the authorities fear. 1999 threatens to be the most annoying year ever.

Even if that problem is some-how fixed — and let us all hope that it will be — there is ample evidence to suggest that 1999 will still be an unspeakable endurance test. While many have expressed concern that the year 2000 will bring with it a deluge of tedious millennium-themed books, records and calendars, experts have now moved up that timetable: The year 2000 is when those items will

be remaindered. In 1999, it will be impossible to enter a bookstore without being assaulted by jacket copy that reads, "Four members of the Yale Class of 1975 - a dreamer, a cynic, a saint and a sinner -- find their paths crossing once again... on the brink of the millennium."

While it is possible to avoid reading - and most Americans do -- experts are concerned about another, more intractable problem for which there is no known solution: the expected upswing in use of the song "(Party Like It's) the number 2000, putting a 1999." by the artist formerly stranglehold on global commuknown as Prince. The once catchy dance track will become unbearably ubiquitous, and will inevitably be co-opted by do-gooder types to lame effect. ("Come and party like it's 1999 — for world literacy!")

The resurgence of this song will bring with it another, equally se-2000 Problem that we have all but nous problem, expens warn — a resurgence of jokes in the form of.
"the Something Formerly Known
as Something," making late-night
comedy monologues unsafe for

the balance of the year. Finally, the Year 1999 Problem will manifest itself in alphanumeric overload: because of the endless use of Y2K as shorthand for the Year 2000, every other serious worldwide problem will be given a cute abbreviation.

Global warming will be called 2HOT4U, Saddam Hussein will be TROUBLE/24-7, and asteroids

plummeting toward the Earth will be O-NO-G-NOOO-A-AIII-EEEE. It would be tempting to stick our heads in the sand and say that the Year 1999 Problem will not affect us, but experts warn against such complacency. Here is just one of the "doomsday scenarios these authorities have described to rouse us to action:

Time: Jan. 1, 1999, Place: A local television news studio. Two anchors, BEN and JAN, trade

quips.

BEN: So. Jan. 1 heard you partied like it was 1999 last night.
JAN: I'll say — and I'm afraid l enjoyed myself a little more than

BEN: Oh. the old 2MUCH4U problem!

JAN: Well, moving on to tomorrow's forecast, here's the Weatherman Formerly Known as Ryan Larsen. How's the millen-

nium treating you, Ryan? RYAN: Well, this week it's go ing to be snowing like it's 1999....

Given such gloomy predictions, one might ask, who is looking forward to 1999? Perhaps no

But there may be a silver lining in all of this. True, 1999 will be a miserable year for magazines. newspapers, books, radio and television. But on Jan. 1, 2000. computers will fail to recognize nication. And not a moment too

The writer co-produced the movie "Pleasantville." He contributed this comment to The New



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Seven Years of Achievement

unurani of the Agency for Strategic Planning and Reforms

By Lynne Duke ashington Post Service

LUANDA, Angola — On a day when a government plane was shot down, a key central town was reported to be under intense rebel shelling and air evacuations of refugees were being described in terms reminiscent of Saigon in 1975, the overseer of Angola's peace process acknowledged that the country has returned to war.

'There is a war,' the United Nations secretary-general, Kofi Annan, said this week in New York. Noting the continuing bloodshed in this southwest African nation, Mr. Annan wondered

aloud whether the UN's efforts to foster peace had come to an unsuccessful end. Speaking of the Security Council, he said that it "soon will be obliged to decide whether the UN has a role to play

His grim assessment was made after months of escalating fighting between the Angolan government and the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola, which is known as UNITA. The two have been at war for most of the last 23 years, initially as Cold War proxies of Moscow and Washington. Their slide into all-out war began this month when government forces apparently launched an assault on UNITA strong-

holds in the central highlands.

The two sides signed a much-vaunted peace accord in 1994, but UNITA violated its terms by rearming its forces and retaking territory it had ceded to government control. The rebel group financed its operations by mining and illicit marketing of diamonds, despite several international trade and arms embargoes, according to a report on Angola's diamond trade made public Monday by a research group, Global Wimess, which is based in London.

A diplomat close to the peace process said that the current fighting proved the futility of a reconciliation effort in which the UN, the United States, Por-

tugal and Russia - the shepherds of the peace process - too often looked the other way and accepted UNITA's talk of peace even as the rebels were unmistakably preparing for war.

'We all knew it was wrong," the diplomat said. "We all knew that arms were coming in and nobody tried to stop

As a result, UNITA's leader, Jonas Savimbi, is demonstrating once again that if he cannot rule Angola, he can certainly make it difficult for anyone

else to govern the country effectively.
"He's got ambition, he's got ego, he's got money, and he's got arms," a U.S. official said last week. "Can the government take out UNITA? They have been unable to do so."

But few analysts say UNITA is capable of toppling the government.

UNITA and the governing party, the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola, which is known as the MPLA. have been bitter rivals since before the country won independence from Portugal in 1975. When fighting broke out almost immediately after independence, the Soviet Union and Cuba backed the then-Marxist MPLA, while the United States and South Africa supported Mr. Savimbi as a bulwark against Soviet expansion in Africa.

After 16 years of fighting that claimed between 150,000 and 300,000 lives, tortuous peace negotiations and the MPLA's gradual abandonment of Marxism brought peace in 1991. It lasted long enough for national elections to be held the following year. But after he failed to win the presidency, Mr. Savimbi disputed the results and returned UNITA to the battlefield.

By the time the 1994 Lusaka peace accord halted Angola's war once again, at least 500,000 more people were dead, more than a million were homeless and the country was virtually ruined.

Now the cycle appears to be repeating itself. About 400,000 people have been forced from their homes by fighting since the beginning of the year, said Maria Flynn of the World Food Program here. More land mines have been laid throughout the zones of conflict in what was already one of the world's most heavily mined countries.

Although its 90,000-member army is stretched thin by troop commitments to buttress governments in Democratic Republic of Congo and the Congo Republic, Angola launched its anti-UNITA offensive on Dec. 4 by attempting to encircle and strike UNITA strongholds in the central highland towns of Bailundo and Andulo, about 355 kilometers (220 miles) southeast of the capital.

In response, UNITA counterattacked throughout Huambo and Bie Provinces, its strongholds, using heavy artillery and anti-aircraft missiles. State radio reported Monday that UNITA had taken four towns in Huambo and four in Bie since Dec. 4.

UNITA's resistance proved so stiff that some Angolan troops in Democratic Republic of Congo were pulled back

General Joao de Matos, the armed forces chief of staff, was quoted Monday in the main daily newspaper here, O Jornal de Angola, as saying that UNITA s as well armed now as it ever was.

Near Kuito, the provincial capital of Bie, UNITA apparently downed a government transport plane carrying supplies to Kuito on Monday, state radio said. BRIEFLY

45 Kabila Allies Said to Be Slain

KIGALI, Rwanda — Congo rebels fighting to topple President Laurent Kabila said Tuesday that 45 Zimbabwean soldiers, including two senior officers, had been killed in fighting around Kabalo, about 1,200 miles southeast of Kinshasa.

The rebels said they had destroyed tanks and artillery pieces and captured a gunner from a Zimbabwean helicopter they shot down over the weekend.

They also restated their intention to attend a meeting of heads of state of the Organization of African Unity in Burkina Faso on Thursday that will discuss the civil war and seek agreement on a cease-fire.

The ambassador of the Democratic Republic of the Congo said Tuesday in Nairobi that Kinshasa was ready to sign a truce if it contained a timetable for the withdrawal of all foreign forces. (Reuters)

2,557 Forced Off Caribbean Cruise

MIAMI — All 2,557 passengers were safely evacuated from the cruise ship Monarch of the Seas on Tuesday after it hit some underwater

rocks as it was leaving Philipsburg.
St. Martin, in the Virgin Islands.
Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.,
which owns the ship, said it had
taken on water in 3 of 18 compartments. The cruise shipples San partments. The cruise ship left San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Sunday for a seven-day cruise.

The captain sailed to Great Bay ourside Philipsburg, where the ship was landed on sand in shallow water. Passengers, who had been given life jackets, were taken ashore on local boats. No injuries have been

Diplomat to Form Cabinet in Algeria

ALGIERS — President Liamine Zeroual appointed a career diplomat, Ismail Hamdani; as prime minister on Tuesday, replacing Ahmed Ouayhia who resigned on Monday, a presidential statement said.

The daily Al Khabar said Mr. Hamandi, 68, would retain most cabinet members, replacing only the interior, communication and justice ministers. (Reuters)

Iran Attributes Killings To a Foreign 'Network'

TEHRAN - Iranian officials blamed an unspecified foreign network on Tuesday for the murders of authors slain in a suspicious killing spree and said a number of suspects had At the same time, about 5,000 people attended the funeral

Tuesday of one of the victims, the poet Majid Mokhtari.

Mr. Mokhtari's coffin, covered in red flowers, was carried through the crowds of relatives, friends, artists and writers that joined the funeral procession in the capital.

Crowds gathered outside Al Nabi Mosque near Tehran University, where a memorial service was held before Mr. Mokhtari's body was taken for burial to Mehrshahr, near the town of Karaj, west of Tehran.

The family of Mohammed Jafar Pouyandeh, a writer and translator who was found slain last week in similar circumstances, was among the mourners. Mr. Mokhtari and Mr. Pouyandeh were among three secular

writers who battled for freedom of expression under the Islamic regime. They were confirmed to have been murdered. while the third author who had been abducted, Majid Sharif. died of a heart attack, according to the coroner's report.

"The murder network is located abroad," a judiciary

spokesman. Fotowat Nassiri Savadkuhi, told the official Iranian press agency, IRNA.

He also said on state television Monday that security forces had arrested a number of people in connection with the murders. He said the suspects also were implicated in the slaying in August of the former chief of a former prison director, Assadollah Lajevardi. That attack was claimed by the main Iranian armed opposition group, the People's Mujahidin, which is based in Iraq.
"More arrests will follow and the public will be informed

soon," Mr. Savadkuhi said. He did not say how many suspects had been arrested or when the arrests had occurred

According to Iranian newspapers, Mr. Pouyandeh and Mr. Mokhtari had planned along with others to form a writers' association. But the authors were recently summoned to the Justice Ministry and informed their venture was illegal. In his first public comments on the killings, President

Mohammed Khatami blamed "enemy plots."
"These murders are complementing other plots against Iran by the great arrogance," he said Monday, employing a term used to describe the United States.

Herald Eribune



The coffin of the poet Majid Mokhtari being carried in a funeral procession Tuesday in Tehran.

Bogota and Rebels Agree to Peace Talks

BOGOTA — Colombian government officials and Marxist guerrilla leaders have agreed to begin peace talks Jan. 7, breaking a five-week deadlock er ground rules for the negotiations.

They will be the first peace talks in six years in the long-running civil conflict, which has killed more than 35,000 people in the past 10 years.

We have passed from procedures to actions, Victor Ricardo, the government commissioner for peace, said. He made the announcement in San Vicente del Caguan after a four-hour meeting at an undisclosed jungle camp Monday.

Mr. Ricardo said President Andres Pastrana. who took office in August saying that peace was his top priority, and Manuel (Sureshot) Marulanda. commander of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, would begin the talks in person.

Negotiations are to start in San Vicente, the largest town in the southeastern region that the government was to clear of troops as a condition for talks.

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complete last month, but the government left about 130 conscripts in the barracks, saying they could not be moved for logistical reasons. The revolutionary force, the major rebel group here, has argued that its negotiators would be at risk if all soldiers were not pulled out.

Mr. Pastrana said recently he would not extend the overall demilitarization of the 16,000-squaremile (41,500-square-kilometer) region past Feb. 7. But analysts say it will be impossible to make any

real headway by that deadline.
Persons close to the revolutionary forces said the guerrillas would try to delay negotiations to drag out the troop pullout for up to four years. Critics of demilitarization have said they feared that the rebels would use the troop-free zone as a base for

arms- and drug-smuggling operations.

The rebels are demanding sweeping agrarian reform, an end to unrestricted free-market policies and fairer wealth distribution.

BOOKS

AMSTERDAM

By lan McEwan. 193 pages. \$21. Nan A. Talesel Doubleday. Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

TAN McEWAN'S "Amsterdam," which won the Booker Prize in Britain this autumn, is a dark tour de force, a morality fable, disguised as a psychological thriller.

A chilling little horror story, easily read in one enjoyable gulp, "Amsterdam" is by no means McEwan's finest work: It is less ambitious than "Enduring Love" (1998) and "Black Dogs" (1992), and less resonant than "The Innocent," his 1990 masterpiece of Cold War suspense. One can only hope that this small, perfectly fashioned novel novella, really — will send readers back to the rest of the

talented McEwan's ocuvre. Like so many of the au-thor's stories, "Amsterdam" concerns the sudden intrusion lives, events that cruelly exlines running beneath the sities, bright paperback books,

world. In "The Comfort of roll, affordable ideals." Strangers," a pair of middle-class tourists fall prey to a SVaughan Williams's heir, ing world Clive and Vernon Machiavellian sadist during a has been commissioned by trip to Venice. In "The Cement Garden," a group of children are orphaned and bury their mother in the basement. And in "The Child in Time," a man's 3-year-old daughter is kidnapped during

a trip to the supermarket. In the case of "Amsterdam," two old friends - one a famous composer named Clive, the other a mercenary newspaper editor named Vernon - enter into a strange euthanasia pact that will determine both their fates and send shock waves through their privileged world. Now in their middle years.

Clive Linley and Vernon Halliday have both achieved prosperity and influence. How lucky they were, Clive thinks, to have been "nurtured in the postwar settlement with the state's own milk and juice, of violent perverse events in- and then sustained by their to his characters' mundane parents' tentative, innocent prosperity, to come of age in pose the psychological fault full employment, new univer-

humdrum surface of their the Augustan age of rock and Writing in his usual spare,

the government to write a Millennial Symphony; in his more optimistic moments, he dares to think of himself as a genius, an artist worthy of comparison to Shakespeare.

Vernon, who has become editor of a tabloid paper by default, is decidedly less confident. There are moments, alone in his office, when he wonders whether he even exists. All the exchanges in which "he had decided, prioritized, delegated, chosen or he was simply the sum of all the people who had listened to him, and when he was alone,

he was nothing at all." Back in their impoverished, bohemian youth, Clive and Vernon had been lovers of a "restaurant critic, gorgeous wit and photographer" named Molly, a daring, glamorous woman who also had an affair with Julian Garmony, a conservative, xenophobe who would go on to become Britain's foreign secretary. Molly would eventually marry a rich, stuffy publisher named George Lane, who detests (and is unanimously detested by) her former lovers.

When illness leaves Molly delirious and incompetent, George seizes control of her that made "The Innocent" so life, forbidding her old suspenseful to read friends to visit her sickbed. Instead, there are the

In the aftermath of her funeral. Clive and Vernon not writer in complete comm as Molly, the other will help served. him finish things off.

nimble job of depicting them at work, showing us how Vernon is trying to boost his paper's falling circulation with trendy, tasteless stories, how Clive is trying to create an ending for his symphony com-

mensurate with his ambition. Though there's a faint satiric edge to McEwan portraits, he uses his psychelogical insight, as he has done so often before, to create sympathy for some decidedly unsavory people. Indeed, we offered an opinion" made him find ourselves rooting for feel he was "infinitely diluted; Clive and Vernon, even as it becomes clear that both of them are conniving opportunists, willing to use virtually any means necessary to achieve their ends.

Within days of each other. Clive and Vernon are both faced with moral dilemmas that will test just what sort of people they are.

For all the appeals to high-flown principles like art and freedom that Clive and ter-non make in coming to heir decisions, their problems do not really open out into the sort of weighty philosophical de-bates that animated "Black Dogs" and "Enduring Love." Nor, given the predictable outcome of the story, is there the sort of grisly narrative tension

simple pleasures of reading only commiserate over her of his craft, a writer who has death but also make a pact managed to toss off this with each other to avoid ever minor entertainment with suffering such an undignified such authority and aplomb end: Should one of them be that it has won him the recome as sick and incoherent cognition he has so long de-

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By Kenneth J. Cooper Washington Post Service

NEW DELHI -- Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on Tuesday rejected destruction. three voluntary restraints on strategic weapons systems proposed by the United States, declaring that his coalition government will maintain the deployment of nuclear weapons, continue a first strike. development of ballistic missiles and reserve the right to produce more bombgrade material.

Mr. Vajpavee responded more favorably to two other restraints that the United States has urged in parallel talks with India and Pakistan since the regional rivals conducted tit-for-tat nuclear tests in May. The prime minister repeated his promise, first made at the United Nations three months ago, that India, would embrace a global ban on nuclear tests before next September and prevent the export of technologies that could be used to make weapons of mass

Never before had Mr. Vajpayee stated in public that India has already deployed nuclear weapons, which his government has repeatedly said would not be used for

"Our decision is to maintain the deployment of a deterrent which is both minimum and credible and 'ensures survivability and the capacity of an adequate response" in the event of a nuclear attack, the prime minister said.

A senior Indian official said that by deployment. Mr. Vajpayee had not meant a level of military preparedness to respond to a nuclear attack within minutes, such as the United States maintains. With India's short-range Prithyt, a battlefield missile ready for nuclear payer asserted his government will not official involved in those discussions.

already moving to tighten controls to civilian control, the official suggested it would take days for India to ready a nuclear missile attack — surely long enough for Pakistan to detect preparations and initiate diplomatic ex-

> Mr. Vajpayee's speech to Parliament was prompted by domestic criticism that his government had not disclosed India's position in talks between Foreign Minister Jaswant Singh and the U.S. deputy secretary of state. Strobe Talbott, but his statement of nuclear policy may find a more attentive audience abroad.

> With lawmakers in India absorbed in fights over opening the insurance market to foreign investment and reserving a third of legislative seats for women, reaction in the less-than-packed lower house was subdued and rose to deskthumping only twice - when Mr. Vaj-

also announced that his government was duty, dispersed in ordnance depots under accept any restraints" on missile development and when he concluded

In his separate talks with India and neighboring Pakistan, Mr. Talbott has pressed the regional rivals to "disayow nuclear weapons," limit the development of ballistic missiles and immediately stop producing fissile material for nuclear bombs.

While both countries have announced a voluntary moratorium on further tests. Mr. Talbot has urged each to sign and ratify the global Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, which Mr. Vajpayee and Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif of Pakistan have expressed a willingness to do. Both India and Pakistan have also been generally receptive to another proposal that they adopt internationally accepted controls to block export of technologies related to nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, according to a U.S.

Mr. Vajpayee indicated he was as- ers, the senior Indian official said. serting India's sovereign rights in reproduction of bombmaking material.

His government regards such strategic defense decisions as "not subjects for negotiations" and would not discuss with other nations how many nuclear weapons and what delivery systems would amount to the credible minimum deterrent India seeks, he said.

'India will define its own requirements for its nuclear deterrent on its own assessment of the security environment." he said, adding that a recently established National Security Council would help formulate nuclear docume.

The Delense Ministry, which controls the depots where the Prithvis are stored. is run by civilian bureaucrats and would transfer the missiles to the military only upon orders from elected political lead-

A redesign has been ordered of India's jecting the U.S. proposed restraints on other ballistic missile, the Agni, to exdeployment, missile development and tend its intermediate range. Mr. Vajpayee said that flight testing of an enhanced-range Agni" would proceed and that his government "remains unequivocally opposed to any suggestions that seek to place India at a technological

disadvantage." The prime minister repeated that India was willing to join international nego-tiations on a Fissile Material Cutoff Treaty, but would not agree to cease producing bomb-grade material until a "nondiscriminatory" treaty has been fi-

It was suggested to us that we might examine announcing a moratorium on fissile material production, Mr. Vajpayee said. We have conveyed that it is, not possible to take such steps at this

UN Chief Rejects U.S. Stance on Iraq Demand for Saddam's Overthrow Goes Too Far, Annan Says

By Barbara Crossette (New York Times Service)

UNITED NATIONS. New York -Secretary-General Kofi Annan has distanced himself from the Clinton administration's policy on Iraq, saving American calls for the overthrow of President Saddam Hussein go beyond a Security Council resolution on what is demanded of Iraq and run contrary to the opinion of other UN members.

The council resolution doesn't talk about getting rid of the leadership," Mr. Annan said Monday, referring to the 1991 cease-fire agreement that laid down the conditions for lifting sanctions imposed on Iraq after its invasion of Kuwait in August 1990.

In recent speeches, most clearly in one last week by the U.S. national security adviser, Sandy Berger, Clinton administration officials have offered the Iraqis a quick end to sanctions in return for a

change in their leadership.

; Mr. Annan's remarks about differences with the United States were made against a backdrop of worsening relations between the United States and the United Nations, Issues include Washington's refusal to pay more than \$1 billion in overdue UN assessments and the administration's efforts to enhance the role of NATO while paying what diplomats here see as only lip service to the importance of the UN to American

On Friday Mr. Annan met with four tors, from Butler, that Iraq has been available Tuesday for comment.

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left with the impression, he said, that a new House and Senate would have to take. At his news conference, Mr. Annan up outstanding issues anew next year, and

that there was no progress in sight. The secretary general said Monday the UN Security Council had identified ways to lift sanctions. Once Richard Butler, the chief arms inspector, decides that Iraq has met the disarmament qualifications laid down in the critical 1991 resolution, he said, there should be no excuses for keeping sanctions - in par-

ticular, an oil embargo — in place. The United States has said it will argue against lifting the embargo until Saddam Hussein also meets other demands, including accounting for Kuwaiti prisoners and improving Iraq's human rights record.

"Let's assume that tomorrow, or six months from now. Butler were to say, We've disarmed; we're moving on to monitoring. "Mr. Annan said. "The monitoring. council will have to act, and then it creates a very serious situation. What will the U.S. do with its veto? What will the other 14 members do? And how does the world react?"

At a news conference earlier in the day. Mr. Annan said that "there are areas where Washington's policies diverge from that of the UN. He added: "I think one case in point is that of Iraq. where the council has made it clear that we should disarm Iraq. And the moment

influential members of Congress and was disarmed, sanctions will be lifted. Amer-

also indicated that an early comprehensive review of Iraq's relations with the United Nations should take place no matter what kind of a report Mr. Butler submits in the next few days on Baghdad's cooperation with inspections — or

lack of it - over the last three weeks. The report is expected to go to Mr. Annan by Tuesday.

The United States and Britain have said there should not be a review until tray cooperates, although both countries appear to accept that a review is inevitable and Clinton administration officials have not told diplomats here how hard they will fight to postpone it.

I'm not sure that the comprehensive review is something that Iraq deserves or does not deserve. Mr. Annan said at his news conference. "I think the council itself would want to know, after eight years of sanctions, where it stands,"

■ Weapons Inspections Cut Back

UN weapons inspectors cut back their activities in Iraq on Tuesday, and only a few monitors were seen leaving their headquarters in Baghdad to inspect Iraqi sites. Reuters reported from Baghdad quoting witnesses.

Two cars from the UN Special Commission, accompanied by Iraqi escorts. were seen heading to Iraqi sites. Comwe get the indication from the inspec- mission officials in Baghdad were not



An Iraqi soldier warming up early Tuesday outside the UN's Baghdad headquarters. The chief UN arms inspector, Richard Butler, will issue a vision and, if true, then it is very enreport card on Iraqi compliance on arms inspections in the coming days. couraging.

members differ in their diagnosis of the

spoke Tuesday acknowledged the need

to revamp their economies and insti-

tutions to make them more open and

hamad of Malaysia, whose government

imposed currency and stock trading con-

speculators and a defective international

financial system were to blame for the

trols in September, said "predatory"

But Prime Minister Mahathir bin Mo-

Many of the ASEAN leaders who

reforms required.

competitive.

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ASEAN has been exposed as ineffect-The association is made up of Brunei,

Burma, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the

Philippines. Singapore. Thailand and

Vietnam.

Mr. Goh said ASEAN needed the

combined weight of its 500 million pop-

ulation to exercise international influ-

ence and compete as an economic entity against other regional economic blocs

like Mercosur in South America, the

European Union and the North Amer-

But analysts said Japan was in no position to guide such a regional fund

until it cures its own economic ills. The

country's economy is deeply mired in

recession and the Bank of Japan's key

quarterly tankan survey of corporate sen-

timent released on Monday continued to

show a deteriorating business sentiment.

can decide if we are at a sustainable

growth basis or not." Mr. Miyazawa said.

But he said the economy had bottomed.

dicating the situation will not get worse. Mr. Miyazawa said. "I don't think things

will get better immediately.

"I interpret vesterday's tankan as in-

He said that rising unemployment was

"It may take at least two years until I

ican Free Trade Area.

Libyans Back Lockerbie Plan

TRIPOLI - The General People's Congress, Libya's legislative and executive body, endorsed on Tuesday an agreement to try two Libyan suspects in the Netherlands in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jetliner, but did not say whether Libya would surrender the men for trial. The bomb blew up Pan Am Flight 103

over Lockerbie. Scotland. A total of 270 people, all 259 on board and 11 on the

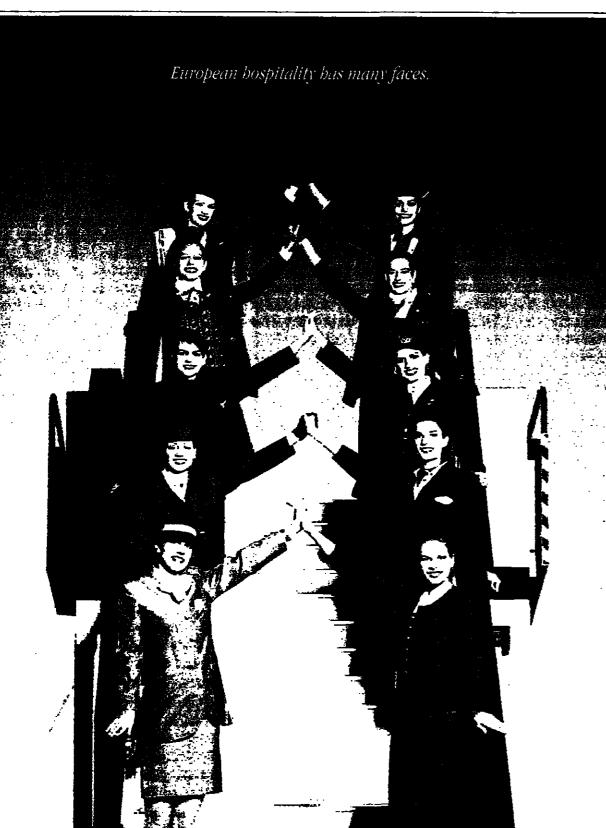
ground, were killed. Although Libya has accepted in principle that the two men could face trial before a panel of Scottish judges in the Netherlands, their handover has been held up by Libya's demand that the men.

if convicted, be jailed in Libya.
The United States and Britain insist that the suspects — Abdel Basset Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah —

serve any prison terms in Britain. Libyan media had suggested that the Libyan leader, Colonel Moammar Gadhafi, did not have the authority to hand over the suspects and that any such decision must be approved by the People's Congress.

The statement Tuesday read on state-run television, expressed satisfaction with the proposed trial, but made no mention of whether Libya would actually turn over the suspects.

A British Foreign Office spokesman. speaking on customary condition of anonymity, said, "We have seen the very limited reports based on Libyan tele-



Officials said they hoped that new measures to be formally approved by the crisis, impoverishing Malaysia and leading to the near-collapse of the country's summit meeting before it concludes Wednesday would help convince skepbanks and corporations. Mr. Mahathir said that by insulating its ties that the association remains one of economy from speculators, Malaysia was the most effective regional groupings. They said that the measures would able to implement measures to revive growth. "Until the international commugive a major boost to trade and investnity agrees on an international regime that ment liberalization in the region, and will remove the kind of dangers we have accelerate economic integration. been exposed to." he added, "we will **EXCHANGE:** Call for New Regime Continued from Page I and Eastern Europe and should accompany capital controls as part of a new approach to global economics, he said. He said such a facility would be different from what the IMF now offers. because it "would not require preagreed arrangements, but would base itself primarily on good track records certified through regular surveillance." Commenting on conditions the Fund attached to massive bail-out programs for Thailand, South Korea and Indonesia, Mr. Miyazawa said "it might beadvisable for the IMF to refrain from requiring too broad or too ambitious structural reforms at a time of crisis." Japan plans to set up a \$30 billion fund for loans to its Asian neighbors. A previous plan was criticized by the United States as running at cross purposes to the IMF, Mr. Miyazawa said Japan's latest push to set up a fund would lead to further discussion of a regional currency support mechanism.

Mr. Miyazawa on Tuesday, when he urged 'an exchange-rate regime.'

■ Tokyo Store Sales Decline

Tokyo department store sales fell 2.8 percent in November from a year earlier, the 19th decline in the past 20 months, as concerns about the economy led consumers to spend less. Bloomberg News reported from Tokyo. Sales at department stores in the great-

er Tokyo metropolitan area - where almost one-quarter of all Japanese live — fell to 202.3 billion yen (\$1.73 billion). the Japan Department Store Association said. In October, sales fell 6.7 percent.

Consumers are spending less money my main concern for the coming as companies cut wages and hire fewer car. (Renters AFP, Bloomherg) workers.

ASEAN: Amid Economic Crisis, Region Fears a Loss of Influence Some bankers and business execu- have to continue with our controls." tives are skeptical that the association. Reflecting the concerns of the asbefore." he said. "They believe that will be able to implement the needed sociation's newer and less developed Khai of Vietnam said that rapid eco-

> vulnerable and disadvantageous position, and in an uneven competition. ASEAN's political unity was also under renewed stress Tuesday over how to interpret compromise wording on the

nomic globalization was bringing

about greater market access and new

partners for development — but also

putting the weaker economies in a more

timing of Cambodia's admission as the 10th member of the group. The compromise was patched together by the heads of government late Monday after some members. led by Vietnam, Indonesia and Malaysia, sought immediate entry for the Cambodian coalition government so it could take part in the summit meeting. Others, including Singapore, the Philippines and Thailand, counseled a delay to ensure that the

Manila Offers Truce Over the Holidays So Rebels Can Visit Kin

recently re-formed coalition led by Prime Minister Hun Sen was durable.

The Associated Press MANILA — The Philippine government on Tuesday ordered a Christmas season cease-fire to allow Communist rebels to spend the holiday season with their familiary

Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado said the cease-fire would take effect Tuesday, the start of the country's traditional Christmas celebration, and would last until

Mr. Mercado said the truce would allow guerrillas to come down from their mountain hideouts and join their families without fear of being arrested by government forces, provided they do not carry weapons, explosives or ammuni-

tion. This is unilateral on the part of the government in the spirit of Christmas," the defense secretary

Mr. Mercado added that the order did not cover normal law enforcement and security functions and the defense of government installations against rebel attacks.

The New People's Army, the military arm of the Communist Party of the Philippines, customarily announces its own holiday cease-fine usually Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan.

Mr. Mercado said that there was no need to declare a separate holiday truce with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front because an earlier cease-fire declared by the Muslim group remained in place.

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Biotechnology Firms Face Financial Strain

New York Times Service

College of Rheumanology conference, agnostic tests for cancer, AIDS.

Last year, Amergen Inc. reported what it Alzheimer's and a wide range of other described as promising results in early diseases as well as so develop basic

tests of its new treatment for thems drag discovery techniques such as atoid artimits.

But by the conference this year, held the sterm biotechnology," while atoid artinitis

But by the conference this year, held-last month, Anergen had suspended work on the drug because it had run out of money. The California company dismissed 65 percent of its employees in October and is now accambling to raise enough cash to keep from having to close its doors completely. The U.S. biotechnology industry is facing a financial reckoning.

far, are growing more reluctant to for Centocor Inc., which this year provide the huge amounts of money began selling a drug for Crohn's distinct young companies need to develop, ease, a bowel inflammation for which that young companies need to develop test and sell new drugs. Some say the entire system by which biotechnology entire system by which biotechnology biotechnology companies just starting companies have been created and fi- out might not get the same chance.

companies are cutting back on re-sued," said Carl Feldbaum, president search. Some are falling by the wayside of the Biotechnology Industry Orgaor being acquired by bigger companies. Many others are giving up ambitions of becoming full-fledged pharmaceutical companies and instead are becoming

novation, because the small biotech, about 1,000 private ones. nology companies have often been piThe hiotechnology industry has seen conducts clinical trials.

oneers, playing a crucial role in quickly such hand times before, most recently investors have pumped an estimated moving scientific discoveries from uniform 1992 to 1994. Some executives 590 billion into public biotechnology versity laboratories to the marketplace, and analysts maintain this is just another companies since 1980, according to are unable to raise new money.

MEDIA MARKETS

80 men and women in name tags silently

After a minute, the seminar leader

held up her hand to halt the mute crowd.

"Now, strike the pose of a hero," she

instructed. "Strike the statue of the gods

and goddesses that you are!" She asked

the group to cry out words they felt when

they thought of themselves as heroes.

There was palpable hesitation, then a

human-resources executive from Wells

Fargo, a string of pearls around her neck, lifted her arms in the air. "Tâm a thunderbolt!" she shouted. A

man in a Hawanan prant sand, one aum.
"Hallelujah!" as he posed, one aum.

extended behind him as if he were pre-

paring to toss a discus. A computer-company executive in high heels put her hands defiantly on her hips and cried,

hesitantly: "You, you - you fabulous

goddess you!"

If it sounds like an EST seminar or

some sort of Tony Robbins inspirational

jamboree, it was not. It was, in fact, one

of several instructional sessions offered

at a conference - actually, the organ-

held this month by Fast Company, a

JEW YORK — The chairman of

General Electric Co., John Welch Jr.,

has told analysts that the company will increase earnings per share at least 14 percent in 1999, meeting estimates, analysts who attended said.

They said Mr. Weich also told them at a meeting Monday night that the second-biggest company in the United

circling the room.

the impact will be, biotechnology companies need to spend heavily in LOS ANGELES - At the American their efforts to develop drugs and di-

somewhat loosely defined, refers to

genetic engineering and other advanced techniques that employ knowledge of how cells operate.

Immunex Corp., a Seattle biotechnology company, struggled with losses for 17 years and spent hundreds of millions of dollars on research and development before fired bindered. velopment before finally introducing Investors, disappointed by the finan- an important drug for theumatoid arth-cial returns the industry has provided so ritis last month. The story is the same there had been no good treatment. But

nanced is breaking down.

The result, analysts and executives brutally in some cases, is that promsay, is that many small biotechnology ising areas of research will not be purservanies are cutting back on resued," said Carl Feldbaum, president nization, a trade group.
But some industry executives say the

elimination of weaker companies will be healthy, freeing money for more subcontractors to the big drugmakers. deserving projects. There are too many Some executives warn that the dearth biotechnology companies, they say — of capital could also slow medical in more than 300 publicly traded ones and

A Business Magazine With a Mission

FEW ORLEANS—The conf. that never leaves home without a raun ference room in the Sheraton—Pilot, Fast Company is published by New Orleans hotel was givet. Montmer Zuckerman save for the shoo-shoo. Fast Company attracted 400 people to eathing sounds coming figurithe. this, its second. "Real Time," conferenthing sounds coming figurithe. This, its second. "Real Time," conferenthing sounds coming figurithe. And while Fast Company may be

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targeted to young entrepreneurs. A feel-

good business bible for the generation that never leaves bome without a Palm

the only magazine to hold a conference

at which the former secretary of labor,

Robert Reich, led an audience of hun-

dreds in an impromptu kazoo concert, it is not alone in its mission. In an attempt

to solidify the relationship with readers

have begun to organize events for sub-

scribers and readers beyond the pages of

"Simply selling a magazine is just not enough anymore," said Alan Webber, one of Past Company's two

After three years, the magazine — which was introduced with the pub-

lication of 100,000 copies — will guarantee a rate base of 305,000 in January. Its ad sales appear robust. In 1996, the

first year of publication, 394 ad pages brought in \$3,031,280 in revenue, ac-cording to the Publishers Information

Bureau. In 1997, ad pages almost doubled to 696, resulting in \$7,095,578

in revenue. With this year's August issue, the magazine switched from bi-monthly publication to monthly.

Head of GE Expects Firm's Earnings to Grow

off its NBC television network. But it

might consider spinning off some of the NBC Internet businesses, they said.

According to the analysts, he said all but four of the company's 11 main busi-nesses would increase profit between 15

percent and 20 percent in 1999. Mr. Welch said businesses tied more closely

to the economy with product sales, in-

The principle of bringing readers in

founding editors.

and their checkbooks - publishers



A researcher checking results of cystic fibrosis tests at the University of Pennsylvania's Molecular Biology Lab. Biotechnology companies play a role in moving such scientific discoveries to the marketplace.

permanently soured on financing start-

up biotechnology companies.

It is not that the rechnology has failed. Ten drugs developed by biotechnology companies were approved or recomof this year, and more than 280 drugs are in middle or late-stage clinical trials. Also, the unraveling of the genetic code

presents a cascade of opportunities.

The problem is the long times and huge sums required to develop these drugs. To get money, companies must sell shares to the public years before they have products or profits. The stock price can languish while the company conducts clinical trials.

other than through the pages of the

magazine is also at work at other media

companies. Jay MacDonald, chief ex-

ecutive of MacDonald Communications,

a New York media company that owns Working Woman and Working Mother

magazines, has founded four annual con-

with which to extend the brand identities

of his two magazines, but as profit-mak-

Forbes magazine founded the Forbes

Management Conference Group in

1995. McGraw-Hill's Business Week

plays host to eight to 12 conferences a

year. And Time Warner's Fortune em-

ploys a staff of 20 simply for its con-

Mr. Webber of Fast Company is a trim

50-year-old who, along with William Taylor, grew tired of his work as an

editor at The Harvard Business Review

four years ago. Together, they created a

103-page prototype and sold a majority

stake in the business to Mr. Zuckerman Fast Company is not your parents' business magazine. It styles itself as a

guidebook for the ambitious yet sensitive

young businessperson facing a swiftly

readers to think in contrarian terms about

the business world, with stories like

"Money! Power! Fame! (And Other Ways to Self-Destruct)" and "Green is Good," an article about ecological

cluding lighting, plastics, NBC and ap-pliances, were likely to grow less than 15 percent, according to Nicholas Hey-

nn, a Prudential Securities analyst.

GE Capital Corp. said Monday that it

anned to sell nearly half of its Visa and MasterCard portfolio to First USA

Bank, then set up a joint venture with the

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bank to sell private-label credit cards.

mindfulness in the corporate world.

ging and increasingly ruthless economy. The magazine's goal: to encourage

ing ventures — in the last two years.

cyclical downtum, tied to the overall Vector Securities International, an involatility in the stock market this year.

Westment bank specializing in health
But others say investors may have care. Yet overall, the investment has not paid off, with biotechnology stocks rising in only 7 of 16 years, according

Recombinant Capital, a San Francisco consulting firm, calculated back in mended for approval in the third quarter 1995 that an investor who put \$100 into every biotechnology initial public stock offering since 1980 would have earned a return of only 1 percent a year.

So investors, who once plunged into biotechnology with the same abandon now reserved for Internet stocks, have become less willing to invest on a

More than 50 of the 345 publicly traded biotechnology companies tracked by Vector Securities will run out of cash within a year if they continue spending at their current rates and

Citigroup Shake-Up?

close to announcing a huge restruc-turing that is likely to include up to 8,000 job cuts and will slice \$1

billion out of profit, most of it in the

fourth quarter of this year. The di-

rectors of the financial services

conglomerate were meeting Tues-

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Deal Close on Forming Europe Satellite Giant

By Tom Buerkle

LONDON - The largest satellite maker in Europe and the second-largest in the world will be created in a deal expected to be announced this week that will merge the commercial satellite activities of DaimlerChrysler Aerospace AG, Marra Marconi Space and Finmeccanica, industry sources said Tuesday.

The merged company would have about \$3 billion a year in sales and would rank third in the world in commercial space activities after Boeing Co. and the Hughes Electronics Corp. unit of General Motors Corp., and second in satellites behind Hughes.

Progress toward an agreement came amid an intensification of negotiations in recent months aimed at consolidating Europe's aerospace and defense indus-

A satellite agreement also would fulfill a memorandum of understanding signed two years ago between Daimler Aerospace AG and Matra Marconi Space, a joint venture of the Matra Hautes Technologies unit of France's Lagardere Group and General Electric

'We are very close to an agreement including the Italians," said a spokesman for DaimlerChrysler Aerospace. Other executives said a deal could be

signed as early as Wednesday.

"A signing is imminent," said JeanPierre Joulin, a spokesman for
Lagardere. He declined to provide details, saying, "When the accord has
been signed among the four partners we

will have something to say.

The companies have been active players in efforts to consolidate the European aerospace and defense industries. DaimlerChrysler Aerospace has made progress in recent weeks toward negotiating a merger with British Aerospace PLC, and GEC has reportedly been talking with both compa-nies while also holding out the pos-sibility of a deal with U.S. defense companies. Finmeccanica agreed this year to merge its Agusta helicopter sub-sidiary with the Westland Helicopter unit of GKN PLC of Britain.

The impending space deal does not appear to have any direct implications for a broader restructuring of the European defense industry, which has become

hung up on the issue of state ownership. DaimlerChrysler Aerospace and British Aerospace have rejected a threeway defense merger with Aerospatiale as long as the French government holds a controlling stake in the company.

Internet Music Plan Awaited

NEW YORK — Top executives at the world's five largest recording companies were set to announce an initiative Tuesday that seeks to create a secure method to sell music over the Internet while also

combating on-line piracy.

Chief executives of BMG Entertainment, EMI Recorded Music, Sony Music Entertainment, Universal Music Group and Warner Music Group were to attend a news conference here to announce "a precedent-setting initiative to address new digital music opportunities."
The new Secure Digital Music Ini-

tiative would create a rival to MP3, the high-quality format currently used to compress, store and distribute audio files, a recording industry source said.

The move comes amid rising industry concerns that copyrighted audio ma-

terials are being posted illegally on the

Personal Web sites offering MP3 songs for free have sprung up on-line, causing headaches for the Recording Industry Association of America, which works to protect artist rights and roy-

By creating a rival to MP3, the music industry hopes to feed a growing con-sumer demand for on-line music while protecting against bootlegging and on-

The record companies are seeking out technology companies to develop the format. Among the companies they are courting are AT&T Corp., Lucent Technology nologies Inc., International Business Machines Corp. and Microsoft Corp., a technology industry source said. (AP, Bloomberg

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Citigroup to Cut Its Work Force by 10,400

NEW YORK — Citigroup Inc., said Tuesday that it would cut 10,400 jobs, or 6 percent of its work force, to reduce costs and take a \$900 million charge, mostly in the fourth quarter, to pay for the restructuring.
Citigroup, the world's largest fi-

nancial services company, said it expected to reduce expenses by \$680 million in 1999 and \$975 million in 2000.

About \$525 million of the saving will come from consumer businesses such as retail banking and insurance. Citigroup plans to consolidate its call centers and other back offices, cut management and restructure its sales force.

The company said 35 percent of the job cuts would be made in the United States. A Citigroup spokesman, John Morris, said earlier that there could be more cuts next year.

inflation is rising at an annual rate of

1.6 percent, better than the 11-year

The Dow Jones industrial average

rose 127.70 points, or 1.5 percent, to

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The restructuring was announced after a directors' meeting Tuesday. The company had been "working feverishly to get some kind of announcement out this month," said a Merrill Lynch & Co. bank analyst, Judah Kraushaar, before the announcement.

The product of a merger between Citicorp and Travelers Group Inc., Citigroup had said since the October deal that it would take a restructuring charge against profit in the fourth quarter, but it had declined to quantify it

The details had been expected to give a lift to the company's stock price, which analysts say has been bruised by a widely held perception nouncement. the could be more cuts next year. that the company is having trouble Five percent to 10 percent "is the stocks a The company said it planned to melding the cultures of Travelers range that we've expected," said visions.

Citibank shares rose \$2.8125, to

\$48.875. "Concerns about integration issues should subside and the stock should trade higher," said a December report on Citigroup by the investment banking company CIBC

Oppenheimer.
The big issue in Citigroup has been bureaucracy," Mr. Kraushaar

The job cuts were below some predictions made last week. Mr. Kraushaar said some analysts had expected the cuts could go as high as 16,000 people, or 10 percent of the work force. But he had predicted that the final count would be lower and co-chief executive, Jamie Dihe said before the anbaseline.

cut \$350 million of costs in cor- and Citicorp. The stock had fallen Ron Mandle, a bank analyst at Sanford C. Bernstein & Co.

Since the merger was announced in April, world financial markets have become much less stable, Mr. Mandle said.

That means that a greater portion f planned additional profits will have to come from cost cuts rather than new revenues, he added.

Because it is most involved in international banking and trading, Citigroup's Salomon Smith Barney Inc. brokerage unit has taken the brunt of the company's losses.

After poor third-quarter results at Solomon, the co-chairmen of Citigroup, John Reed and Sanford Weill, forced the resignation of its chairman "Five percent is sort of a mon and dismissed 300 people from Salomon Smith Barney's global investment banking, fixed income, Five percent to 10 percent "is the stocks and stock market research di-(Bloomberg, AP, WP)

Japan Aide Props Up The Dollar

NEW YORK — The dollar rose against the yen Tuesday for the first time in six days after Taichi Sakaiya, chief of the Japanese Economic Planning Agency, said the yen was "unexpectedly strong" and could set back a Japanese recovery.

The yen's 12 percent gain this year against the dollar has hurt Japanese exports by making them more expensive,

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threatening the strongest part of the economy, which has contracted the past four quarters. The last thing Japan wants is a yen that's too strong," said Rob Deluca, a trader at Den

Danske Bank.
In 4 P.M. trading, the dollar rose to 116.565 yen from 115.525 yen Monday.

The dollar climbed to 1.6610 Deutsche marks from 1.6480 DM on expectations a report Wednesday would show German business confidence is waning, increasing the chances of a cut in European interest

rates early next year. Traders said a recovery in U.S. stocks — the first increase in four days - also helped the

Against other major currencies, the dollar rose to 5.5652 French francs from 5.5290 francs and to 1.3440 Swiss francs from 1.3269 francs. The pound fell to \$1.6850 from The president of the European

Central Bank, Wim Duisenberg, has said he would not rule out additional interest-rate cuts, though further easing would have a "limited impact."

"When we have reached price stability, we must attempt to get rates as low as possible, Mr. Duisenberg said in an interview to appear in the German weekly Die Zeit.

He repeated that keeping interest rates low is the "maximum contribution" monetary policy can make. "It's up to others to improve the conditions for growth and employment, he said, a signal to national gov-

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• MCI WorldCom Inc. and Electronic Data Systems Corp. are in talks to form a joint venture that would provide a broad array of voice, data and computer systems services to global business customers, according to sources.

• America Online Inc., the world's top Internet service provider, and the Venezuelan conglomerate Cisneros Group have formed a joint venture to develop Spanish and Portuguese on-line services for Latin America.

• Seagram Co., which last week completed its \$10 billion purchase of 75 percent of Polygram NV, plans to sell as much as \$1 billion worth of assets over the next two years as it tightens its focus on entertainment.

Crane Co. offered to buy Coltec Industries Inc. for \$2.02 billion and filed a lawsuit seeking to block B.F. Goodrich Co.'s agreement to buy the company for about \$1.77 billion. Coltec is the largest U.S. maker of landing gear for air-Reuters, Bloombere

Owens Corning Settling on Asbestos Bloomberg News

TOLEDO, Ohio - Owens Coming, the biggest U.S. insulation maker, said Tuesday that it would pay about \$1.2 billion to settle 90 percent of the asbestos lawsuits against it, effectively ending one of the largest and longest-running product litigations.

The settlement covers most of the 176,000 suits against the

In connection with the settlement, Owens Corning will take a charge of about \$900 million this year as it adds \$1.4 billion to its asbestos-litigation cash reserves Owens Corning shares finished 6.25 cents lower at \$37.

index rose 21.59 points, or 1.9 per-cent, to 1,162.79, while the Nasdaq companies warned this month of company comes out and says it will NEW YORK - Stocks rebounded Tuesday after five consecutive composite index rose 45.41 points, or 2.3 percent, to 2,012.33, led by sevlosing sessions, bolstered by a report eral Internet and computer stocks. that showed U.S. inflation remains

U.S. government bonds fell. The price of the benchmark 30year Treasury bond dropped 23/32 late Monday that earnings per share to 103 11/32, pushing the yield up to 5.03 percent from 4.98 percent David Mead, chief investment of Monday consumer price index edged up just 0.2 percent in November, matching the October increase. So far this year,

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GE, John Welch Jr., told analysts

ficer at Harris Bank in Chicago, funds pay out their year-end capital The news from GE reassured said, "Concern about earnings stock investors after Coca-Cola, shortfalls has been growing in the

profit shortfalls. The chairman of meet expectations — that is a great positive for the market."

Andrew Abrams, chief operating officer of the hedge fund manager CWH Associates, said stocks might slide before the end of the year because many investors are withholding cash from mutual funds until the gains distributions.

(AP. Bloomberg)

As Profit Falls 81%, Goldman Regroups

By Joseph Kahn New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The old snapshots of Treasury Secretary Robert

Rubin tell the story. In his days as rising star and then chairman of Goldman, Sachs & Co., quarter. The company lowered ex-Mr. Rubin was usually pictured cheek-by-jowl with traders on the crowded bond floor, in shirt sleeves, a phone to his ear. The private partnership he helped build has long had a seat-of-the-pants management dropped 10% to 46% after the maker style that makes some Wall Street

competitors seem timid. These days, though, timidity might sound tempting to the partners at Goldman. The firm said Monday that its pretax profit fell 81 The Standard & Poor's 500-stock percent, to \$107 million, in the

fourth quarter — the worst such railed the stellar earnings moperiod it has had since 1994 - and attributed the weak results exclusively to trading losses.

Earnings were down from \$567 year, and off 86 percent from the \$754 million it posted in third quarter this year.

Goldman's results showed how the firm's aggressive emphasis on tives, Jon Corzine and Henry trading — both for its customers and for its own account - can cause the firm's risk profile and renewed steep losses in down markets as surely as it can magnify profit in ment banking and money-manage-good ones. That makes Goldman's ment businesses, which remained earnings more volatile than those of some competitors and seems likely to further postpone the day that it

half, when it earned more than \$1 billion each quarter and prepared to sell shares in the firm for the first million in the fourth quarter of last time in its 130-year history. For the year, Goldman earned \$2.92 billion. down from \$3.01 billion in 1997. Changes already are under way

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Its co-chairmen and chief execu-Paulson Jr., said they had reduced their emphasis on expanding investment businesses, which remained highly profitable.

Most of Goldman's trading losses came in September and October,

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Emap to Buy Publisher of **Motor Trend**

LONDON - Emap PLC a major British publisher of consumer magazines, said Thesday it would buy The Petersen Companies Inc., the U.S. publisher of magazines such as Motor Trend, Hot Rod, Guns & Ammo and Teen, for about \$1.2 billion

Emap will offer \$34 per Petersen share, and plans to finance the deal partly from raising £359 million (\$607.9 million) by issuing one new share for every five existing Emap

The deal combines two companies with strong, male-oriented nagazines. It gives Emap, publisher of FHM, or For Him Magazine, the biggest-selling monthly men's magazine in Britain, a U.S. database of 16 million men with a demo-

graphic profile that suits its titles. The acquisition makes "sense from both perspectives," said Michael Beebe, an analyst at Goldman, Sachs & Co. in New York.

Petersen has very little international exposure. Emap would gain exposure in the U.S."

On Tuesday, Emap shares fell 88 pence to £9.62 after having fallen 7 percent on Monday. Shares in Peterson rose \$2.19 to \$33.50 m surged 33 percent on the confirmation Monday.

called Emap Petersen. David Grig-ment officials as saying. on, finance director at Emap, said the acquisition could be the perfect ing the Finance Ministry would

to spearhead the company's global expansion, said the Petersen deal should put Emap well on its way toward achieving his goal of doubling profits over the next five

"In the fullness of time, say in three or four years, Petersen could contribute up to 50 percent or more neur Vincent Bollore said Tuesday of Emap's profits — it's that big a that he had bought more than 10 deal." he said.

magazines, including special-in- weeks after abandoning an attempt terest and youth titles such as Just 17 to take control of Bouygues SA. and Smash Hits, and versions of FHM in Australia and Southeast formed whether Mr. Bollore inten-

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New Round of Cuts for Euro Zone?

Interest Rates Should Be 'as Low as Possible,' Duisenberg Says

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HAMBURG — The president of the European Central Bank, Wim Duisenberg, has declined to rule out further reductions in interest rates if prices remain stable, but has warned that euro zone governments were scarcely cutting public deficits.
In an interview to be published Thursday in the

German weekly Die Zeit, Mr. Duisenberg said that although interest rates were currently at historically low levels, if price stability were attained, "we must try to get interest rates as low as possible."

The central banks for the 11 countries adopting a single currency cut their benchmark interest rates Dec. 3 in preparation for the introduction of the curo. All cut their rates to 3 percent except Italy, which reduced its main rate to 3.5 percent. The European Central Bank is expected to set 3 percent as its benchmark rate when it takes over monetary policy Jan. 1.

Mr. Duisenberg said that keeping interest rates low was "the maximum contribution" monetary policy could make to growth, but he added that the margins

"Interest rates are at a historical low and have only a

limited effect on investment anyway. It is up to others to improve the conditions for growth and employment so that more is invested."

Mr. Duisenberg is among central bankers in Europe who have said that lasting growth depends on steps to control government spending, reduce the tax burden on business and make it easier to hire and fire workers. A member of the Bundesbank council, Franz-Christoph Zeitler, told Die Zeit in an interview that monetary policy is no substitute for structural re-

Mr. Duisenberg said: "There's agreement among the central banks that governments, employers and employees must now guarantee more flexible labor

Budget deficits in euro countries are "one of our greatest concerns at the moment," Mr. Duisenberg said. While deficits in the euro zone shrunk up to 0.4 percent in 1998, they will decrease 0.1 percent next vear, he said.

The goal of balanced budgets "disappears more and more from the horizon," Mr. Duisenberg warned. for maneuvering were "very narrow." and more from the horizon, "Mr. Duisenberg warned.
"Monetary policy can't do a lot more," he said.
Balanced budgets are necessary during "phases of weaker growth," he said. (AFP, Bloomberg)

Russia Advances Plan to Restructure Debt

MOSCOW - Prime Minister Yevgeni Primakov signed an order Tuesday outlining the restructuring early trading Tuesday after they terms of frozen ruble debt that would allow investors to swap defaulted debt for new bonds and cash. The Petersen division will be local news agencies quoted govern-

The officials were quoted as sayplatform for introducing FHM in the provide more details Wednesday and announce the start of restruc-

from their investment. The chief executive of Emap, turing of 281 billion rubles (\$13.98 changing future ruble earnings for Kevin Hand, who took over in July billion) of defaulted domestic debt. dollars and other aspects of the re-Ministry officials said the swap structuring plan. Ministry officials

before next year.

Many foreign bondholders have this." complained about restrictions on exchanging future ruble earnings for

cent in ruble bonds with interest.

Bollore Buys Stake in Cinema Operator

PARIS — The French entreprepercent of Pathe SA, the largest op-Emap also publishes consumer erator of French movie theaters, two

Pathe said it had not been in-(Bloomberg, Reuters) ded to increase his stake. Mr. Bol-

lore could not be reached for fault. They also have said terms of comment. A 10 percent stake in the new bonds were too vague to Pathe is worth about 1.06 billion allow them to value the securities. French francs (\$191.4 million) at the

closing share price Monday. The purchase follows Mr. Bollore's Nov. 30 sale of his 12.6 percent stake in Bouygues, Europe's

could begin after that, though trading in the new bonds might not begin with foreign investors, but only on technical issues that would not delay

Under the proposed restructure the launch of the swap. program, investors will get 10 per-Parvoleta Shtereva, an analyst at cent in ruble cash, 20 percent in MFK Renaissance Bank in Moscow interest-free ruble bonds and 70 persaid the move to restructure the debt. indicated the ministry "decided to cut the Gordian knot, saying there's In all, creditors can expect to rebeen enough of this negotiation trieve only a few cents on the dollar business, and just go ahead with

> But Russia is expected to conduct talks with foreign bondholders Thursday in London about the terms for ruble conversion and repatriation. Foreign bondholders want more assurances on how they will be able to exchange rubles for dollars after the ruble fell almost 70 percent against the dollar since the mid-August de-

Credit Suisse First Boston. a member of the committee representing foreign holders of the defaulted debt, warned Russia last week that it would "aggravate its financial isolargest construction company, to the lation if it unilaterally imposes un-French investor Francois Pinault for fair restructuring terms on foreign \$686 million. (Bloomberg, AFP) investors." (Bloomberg, Reuters)

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EU Approves Of a Delay in Banana Feud

BRUSSELS - The European Union trade commissioner, Sir Leon Brittan, said Tuesday he would welcome a U.S. decision to delay until Monday the release of a list of EU imports on which Washington might impose 100 percent tariffs to

protest EU banana-import rules.

The office of the U.S. Trade Representative said late Monday it needed more time to study the proposed sanctions and would not reease the list until after President Bill Clinton concluded a U.S.-EU summit meeting Friday on trade and security issues. Announcing tariffs on the eve of the meeting with the president of the EU. Jacques Santer, and other EU leaders would be in-

appropriate, the office said.

Up to \$1.5 billion in EU exports. from wine, cheese and specialty foods to home appliances, luxury goods and paper products, may be hit with punitive tariffs on Feb. 1 unless the EU scraps rules that Washington views as biased against bananas grown in Latin America by Dole Food Co. of California and Chiquita Brands International of Ohio.

The EU is protesting a sanctions threat it considers a challenge to the World Trade Organization's system for defusing trade disputes.

The EU's envoy to the United States did not view the delay as a gesture of goodwill. "It's got nothing to do with any generosity on their part," said Hugo Paemen, the EU's chief delegate in Washington. He said he suspected U.S. decisionmakers "aren't ready yet."

Sir Leon called on the U.S. to start talks toward a new decision by the World Trade Organization, whose ruling this year yielded the changes

in the EU's banana-import rules. While the EU agreed to increase a quota on Latin American bananas by 353,000 tons a year to 2.55 million tons, those imports are subject to a duty of about \$88 a ton. Former European territories in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific are allowed to send 857,700 tons of ba-

nanas into the EU duty-free. Chiquita said EU banana rules, which first took effect in 1992, had cut its market share in Europe from 50 to 20 percent and cost it \$1 billion (Bloomberg, AP)

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• RAI, an Italian state broadcaster, signed a memorandum of understanding with Canal Plus SA of France for the creation of a digital TV platform.

 Telecom Italia SpA raised its stake to buy control of two Brazilian cellular phone companies. Tele Celular Sul Participacoes and Tele Nordeste Celular Participacoes.

· Sears PLC of Britain dismissed a potential offer of about £458 million (\$775.6 million) from Philip Green, a retailing entrepreneur, as not representing its true value.

· Spain's inflation rate fell to a 30-year low in November. with prices down 0.1 percent to put the annual inflation rate at 1.4 percent, down from 1.7 percent in October, AFP, AP, Remore

Deutsche Bank to Split Holdings?

The Associated Press FRANKFURT - Deutsche Bank AG, hoping to reap a tax benefit, plans to form a separate unit for its industrial holdings, which are worth more than 40 billion Deutsche marks (\$24.2 billion), a German magazine reported Tuesday.

The holdings include its 12 percent stake in DaimlerChrysler AG, its 9.4 percent stake in Allianz AG, an insurance company. and its 10 percent stake in Muenchener Rueckversicherung AG, another insurer, according to the monthly Manager Magazin.

The magazine said the new unit would allow Deutsche Bank to sell industrial stakes without paying taxes on any extraordinary profit that would result from the sale. A Deutsche Bank spokesman declined to comment on the report.

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F Once Again, Regulators Zero In on Booming Derivatives

By David Barboza and Jeff Gerth New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Arthur Levitt. the chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, called on some of Wall Street's leaders in the summer of 1994 with a warning.

Congress was asking pointed questions about whether complex financial contracts called derivatives could topple a major financial institution or even threaten the financial system. Wall Street, he said, should do something. It

The following spring, six of the biggest Wall Street investment firms made public a plan to tighten their own controls of derivatives while giving reg-ulators greater access to their records. The firms, it was argued, knew best how to manage their own risky world of finance and might even create a model of self-regulation.

But the weaknesses of that system were exposed in September when Long-Term Capital Management, the giant hedge fund with big bets in the de-rivatives market, careered toward collapse, threatening to ignite a global financial panic.

Fourteen firms, including all six of those that had favored self-regulation, eventually agreed to rescue Long-Term Capital in an extraordinary deal brokered by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The suggestion that one fund's misstep could harbor such dire consequences has Congress reconsidering how to over-

see the booming derivatives market. "In every previous instance of derivative problems, the industry and the regulators said 'Do nothing,' "Representative Edward Markey, Democrat of Massachusetts and a member of the House Banking Committee, said in an interview. "But now we see that industry risk management controls were

Congress has asked a presidential working group — with representatives from the Federal Reserve Board, the Treasury, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission — to deliver a study in the coming year on the derivatives market and another on the pub-

lic policy implications of the near-collapse of Long-Term Capital. Members of the working group will give a pro-gress report to the Senate Agriculture Committee on Wednesday.

Although congressmen and regulators have not yet lined up behind specific proposals, the debate over additional regulation is spreading beyond just hedge funds and focusing on three broad areas:

• New disclosure requirements for hedge funds, which are largely unregulated, and derivatives dealers. These groups might have to reveal their closely guarded trading positions and their risk levels frequently to regulators. The idea has support from much of the financial industry, which says it would at least provide a window on the amount of hedging and the amount of spec-

ulating in the market. • Some limit on how much commernew disclosure on that lending. For example, securities regulators might decide to monitor hedge funds weekly or monthly, rather than rely on the quarterly filings now made to the futures commission.

• The establishment of a clearing house, much like a stock exchange, for the trading of derivatives that do not now have an exchange. A clearing house could hold both parties accountable and step in to complete transactions if one party was unable to cover its losses, reducing the chance that a big default would trigger a series of defaults.

For the most part, brokerage firms now patrol their own risks, and bank regulators tend to focus on overall risk management practices, though they may look at industry sectors or even specific loans if they have a special

cial and investment banks can lend to hedge funds like Long-Term Capital or vestment pools open only to wealthy investors, are largely unregulated.

Attempts at additional oversight will face stiff opposition from financial industry officials, who consider more regulation costly and cumbersome - possibly stifling the smooth functioning of the derivatives markets.

Derivatives, so called because their value is derived from an underlying asset like a stock or a bond, allow companies and individuals to manage many types of risk, like a sudden fluctuation in a currency or an interest rate. throughout the global marketplace.

Even government regulators are torn over how and whether to tighten rules on derivatives. In Washington, officials at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission are in a pitched battle with the Treasury, the Fed and the SEC over which agency has jurisdiction and

whether any further regulation is

needed. Time and again, after studies and consideration, regulators backed down from wholesale regulation for fear of impeding the market's growth. Instead, they have made incremental changes in the way banks and brokerage firms - the major dealers in the derivatives market handle transactions and support industry efforts at self-regulation.

Regulators in other countries are wrestling with the problem as well.

Last July, Swiss regulators criticized Europe's biggest bank, UBS AG, for weaknesses in its management of derivative risks. Three months later, UBS said it would take a \$700 million loss on

its business with Long-Term Capital. Since then, Dresdner Bank of Germany and Credit Suisse First Boston have also taken big hits because of Long-Term Capital.

Tiger Fund Adds Korean Shares

Bloomherg News SEOUL — Tiger Fund, a world-wide hedge fund, has pounced on three South Korean companies.

This month, Ireland-based TEI Fund PLC, a new fund belonging to Tiger Fund, bought an additional 20,000 shares of Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance Co., the Korea Stock Exchange said on Tuesday. The purchase raised TEI's stake in the insurance company to 136,562

shares, or 5.1 percent.

The hedge fund has owned stakes of more than 5 percent in three companies in South Korea. where stocks have doubled in the past six months and the won has gained 19 percent against the dollar. It has 6.7 percent of SK Tele-com Co., the largest mobile-phone company in the country, and 6.1 percent of LG Insurance Co.

Foreign investors have bought 5.85 trillion won (\$4.86 billion) more of stocks than they have sold this year, helping push the benchmark Kospi index up 42 percent.

Tiny Fund Sees Big Opportunities as Euro Approaches

By Carole Gould

NEW YORK - European stocks of many different stripes are benefiting from the impending debut of the euro. But for William Lovering, co-manager of the \$85.1 million Bartlett Europe fund, the trick is to find the companies

that are likely to benefit the most. "There's been strong monetary stimulation in what we call the peripheral European economies — Ireland, Spain, Portugal and especially Italy — because their central banks have to convert to interest rates at the levels in Germany and France." Mr. Lovering said from

his office in London. But Mr. Lovering sees many reasons for optimism, especially the European banks' coordinated interest-rate cuts on Dec. 3. "What the central banks have done is show their commitment to making the European club work, and recognized the generally weaker interna-

tional economic environment." he said. He also noted that European companies are only now beginning the type of restructuring that their American coun-

terparts endured years ago. "The bottoms-up story in Europe is the changing shape of businesses and balance sheets." he said, "and the recognition that shareholders are important."

Mr. Lovering, 33, and his co-manager, Neil Worsley, 38, ran Worldwide Value, the closed-end predecessor of Bartlett Europe, from 1994 and 1992, respectively, it was converted to a mu-

tual fund in July 1997.

In its new form, the fund levies a maximum initial sales charge, or load, of 4.75 percent. The pair work for Lombard Odier International Portfolio Management, a subsidiary of Lombard Odi-

er, a Swiss bank. The tiny fund has posted some impressive results. Bartlett Europe has returned an annual average of 27.2 percent for the three years through Dec. 4, ranking first among the 46 European stock funds tracked by Morningstar Inc., the financial publisher. The average return for the category was 18.7 percent, Morningstar said.

Lombard Odier also employs 32 ana-Geneva, who collectively make more

than 1.000 company visits a year. Mr. Lovering considers himself and Mr. Worsley "growth at a reasonable price" investors, seeking growing earnings and per-share cash flow, but paying

attention to the relative prices of stocks. Because of European monetary union, the two managers view Europe as three distinct regions rather than as individual countries. Each region makes up about a third of the fund's portfolio.

The managers consider "core Europe" — France, Germany and Switzerland — the lower-growth area because these countries "are coming off the back of pretty bad recessions," Mr.

Lovering said. But the region will still be profitable for the fund because of mergers, restructurings and corporate efficiency drives, he said - DaimlerChrysler AG being the best-known in the United States. But there are still strong growth opportunities in the region, Mr. Lovering said, including SAP AG of Germany. Europe's largest information technology company and the leader in lysts in London, Amsterdam and enterprise resource planning software Geneva, who collectively make more worldwide. The fund started buying

SAP in June 1997 at a price of 300 Deutsche marks (\$180) a share. It now trades at about 627 Deutsche marks, and Mr. Lovering predicts it will pass 900 DM within the year.

Mr. Lovering is especially optimistic about peripheral Europe. In Italy, for example, interest rates have dropped to below 4 percent from more than 10 percent four years ago, Mr. Lovering said, pushing Italians out of bank accounts and into mutual funds and equities.

He aims to capture that trend by owning banks and insurance companies. Bartlett holds shares in Unicredito Italiano, created by the recent merger of Unicredito and Credito Italiano and now one of the largest providers of financial services in Italy. Mr. Lovering said Bartlett Europe started purchasing the stock in September 1997 at 1,200 lire. (73 cents) and he thinks it could hit

9,000 in 12 months. The final region is just one country. Britain, which Mr. Lovering said has lagged behind other European markets this year. Among the British companies that he owns is Railtrack Group PLC, the recently privatized railroad company.

Very briefly:

The California Public Employees' Retirement System has dismissed Amerindo Investment Advisors and Spare, Kaplan, Bischel & Associates, said a spokesman who declined to give reasons. The biggest U.S. public pension fund, with about \$140 billion in assets, will handle the \$737 million managed by the two firms internally.

 The Hong Kong Investment Fund Association said the unit trust industry had net outflows of \$104 million in the first 10 months of 1998 but expected net inflows next year.

 Hong Kong is moving \$1.16 billion in stock from the Land Fund to Exchange Fund Investment Ltd., the firm managing the shares the government bought during its August market intervention. creating a \$20.54 billion asset pool it says it wants to sell eventually.

• Deutsche Bank said it would establish a regional center for the euro in Sydney. Bloomberg. Reuters

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Hyundai Electronics to Sell Overseas Assets

South Korea's industrial sector gathered steam Tuesday as one of the country's largest conglomerates to-equity ratio of its semiconductor announced plans to streamline business to 200 percent by the first through the sale of overseas assets. quarter of next year. Hyundai's

Hyundai Electronics Industries semiconductor business currently Co. said it planned to raise as much has 7.5 trillion won of assets and 5.3 as 2 trillion won (\$1.66 billion) next trillion won of debt. year by selling its overseas busi-

Hyundai Electronics, one of trating on areas of strength and cast-South Korea's three largest elec-ing off peripheral activities through tronics makers, will sell its stake in mergers, sales, spin-offs and liquid-Maxtor during the first half of next ations. The moves are designed to year, according to Kim Young help South Korea pull out of its Hwan, its chief executive. Maxtor worst recession since the end of the makes hard disk drives. The sale of Korean War in 1953.

SEOUL — The realignment of expected to occur by January. Such sales, plus share sales of its

South Korea's debt-ridden connesses, including U.S.-based Max-tox Corp. and Chip Pac Co.

glomerates are under government pressure to trim back by concenpressure to trim back by concen-

largest maker of memory chips.

Also Tuesday, South Korea's steel monopoly, Pohang Iron & Steel Co., and Japan's Nippon Steel Corp. said they had forged an alliance aimed at fending off possible hostile takeover bids from rivals.

The South Korean company, known as Posco, said it would soon acquire a "symbolic" holding of stock in Nippon Steel in a friendly share swap. Nippon Steel said that it had acquired a 0.1 percent stake in

semiconductor business with LG from the International Monetary Group, even as hopes fade that the Fund, which on Tuesday approved two companies will end months of another \$1 billion credit for the bickering and form the world's country. The funds are part of a \$60 billion financial rescue package put together by the IMF a year ago.

"Korea continues to make commendable progress in its efforts to achieve economic recovery," said the IMF deputy managing director, banks. Alassane Quattara, after the Fund's executive board approved the \$1 bil-lion credit. "The severe downturn in output has begun to moderate, and there are encouraging signs that the Korean economy will return to positive growth during the course of next year." (Bloomherg, AFP)

Yasuda Trust Mr. Kim also said Hyundai was making "every effort" to merge its semiconductor business with I.G. Meanwhile. South Korea's efforts at industrial reform won praise semiconductor business with I.G. from the Leavent Meanwhile. Market Value

Agence France-Presse TOKYO - The troubled Yasuda Trust & Banking Co. crumbled on the Tokyo stock market Tuesday as the world's second largest economy cracked down on its struggling

Yasuda Trust lost 16.8 percent of its market value Tuesday, closing at 89 yen (76 cents).

When the Japanese government took control of the debt-ridden Nippon Credit Bank Ltd. on Sunday it signaled a new, aggressive approach to tackling the bad-loan crisis that has ravaged its banks.

In the past, weak banks have been rescued by their larger rivals in a form of group protection known as the convoy system. The convoy philosophy is not

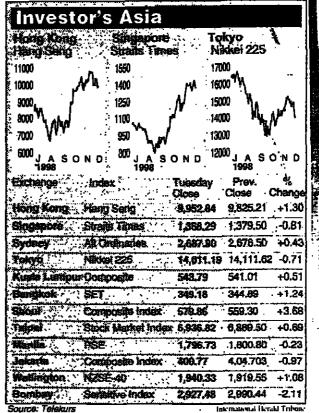
here any longer," Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa said. Yasuda has been sold on spec-ulation it will be the next one to go down after Nippon Credit Bank," a broker at New Japan Securities

Yasuda Trust said there were no grounds for concern. It said the price of its shares had "temporarily showed wild fluctuations because of

groundless speculation." Meanwhile, a mortgage company affiliated with Nippon Credit Bank filed for bankruptcy Tuesday with liabilities of 174 billion yen, company representatives said. NCB Mortgage Co. applied for voluntary redundancy at the Tokyo District Court, they said. It owed 164.6 billion yen to Nippon Credit.

■ Exchange Chief's Pay Is Cut The president of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, Mitsuhide Yamaguchi, and three other board members will receive reduced pay for one month because of failures in the exchange's Japan's electronics makers are computerized futures and options

> reported Tuesday. days last month because of pro-



Very briefly:

 Chinese state-owned companies' investment in plant and equipment, the benchmark investment indicator, rose 28.9 percent last month from November 1997 as the government increased infrastructure spending 23.9 percent in the 11 months through November. Retail sales, the main consumption indicator, rose 7.4 percent in November from a year earlier, a drop from the 7.6 percent rise in October.

 The Philippines posted a trade surplus of \$125 million in October, compared with a surplus of \$332 million in September and a deficit of \$1.09 billion in October 1997. Exports grew 9.3 percent year-on-year, to \$2.54 billion, while imports contracted 29.2 percent, to \$2.42 billion, as recession sapped demand for oil, telecommunications equipment and industrial machinery.

· Manila plans to find a new investor to complete a golf-andcasino resort that was seized Monday from Mondragon International Philippines Inc. Mondragon Leisure & Resorts Corp., the unit that runs Mimosa Leisure Estate north of Manila, owes banks about 4.8 billion pesos (\$123.2 million).

• Japanese chipmaking-equipment orders worldwide plummeted 73 percent in October, to 36.78 billion yen (\$315.2 million), industry figures showed.

The exchange stopped derivat- • Malaysia cut its gross domestic product forecast for the fifth ives trading five times in six trading time this year, saying the economy will shrink at least 6 percent this year, against the latest estimate of a 4.8 percent

Bidding Closes In Thailand's **Huge Debt Sale**

BANGKOK — Thailand's Financial Sector Restructuring Authority said Tuesday that results of the country's largest auction of billions of dollars in assets would probably be known late Wednesday.

Bidding at an auction for 860 billion baht (\$24.03 billion) of assets seized from 56 defunct Thai finance firms to recoup losses closed at 1 P.M. Tues-

On Monday, Amaret Sila-On, the authority chairman, said the board would decide whether to accept bids that were below, but close to, benchmark prices assigned to the assets based on their face value and what the authority views as the market price.

Mr. Amaret added that some bidders for assets could be disappointed if they expected heavy discounts on the face value of the loans. Assets left unsold would be repackaged and offered for sale.

Researcher Quits Over China Remarks

HONG KONG — Joe Zhang, head of China research at HSBC Se-curities Asia Ltd., left the firm after a dispute about negative comments he made about China's recent government bond sale, people familiar with the situation said Tuesday.

Vinh Tran, a spokesman for HSBC in Hong Kong, confirmed that which was underwritten by Credit Mr. Zhang left the firm Friday. He Suisse First Boston and Goldman, declined to comment on the circumstances of his departure. Mr. Zhang

was not available for comment. spected China analysts in Hong

OSAKA, Japan - Matsushita

ics, and Sun Microsystems Inc. of the

United States, the No. 1 maker of

computer workstations, said Tuesday

they would develop Java software to

make it easier for digital electronic

appliances to link up with PCs.

calling the \$1 billion sovereign bond stitute, rather than create, a new sale "miserable" and a "lose-lose" benchmark for corporate bond isdeal, according to the newspaper. sues." because few creditors were The comments angered invest-ment bankers at HSBC Markets, anwilling to renew existing loans. Foreign business executives of-

other unit of London-based HSBC Holdings PLC, the people familiar with the situation said. HSBC Markets helped arrange the bond sale, Sachs & Co.

In the article Friday, the Post cited was not available for comment.

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Zhang has continued to contribute spected China analysts in Hong Kong, was quoted by the South China Morning Post last week as with the foreign-exchange reserve to state-owned Chinese newspanumber," and the government bond Chinese newspanumber, and the government bond chinese newspanumber.

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Mr. Zhang, who is originally from China, spent five years in the 1980s at the Chinese central bank,

where he was named "young economist of the year" in 1987. Mr.

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Glenn McGrath celebrating a

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Australia Wins Test

CRICKET England's hopes of regaining the Ashes, held by Australia since 1989, were obliterated Tuesday in Adelaide by another

humiliating batting collapse. England was all out for 237 in its

second innings to lose the third test by 205 runs. It is 2-0 down with two

matches to play.

Glenn McGrath, an Australian

fast bowler, took four wickets for

I I runs as England lost five wickets

in 29 minutes. Alec Stewart, Eng-

Asked what he could say to the English fans, Stewart said: "First of

all, I've got to apologize." (Reuters)

SOCCER Asian officials on Tuesday put on hold a threatened boycott of the 2002 World Cup and said that

even if it the boycott went ahead,

the co-hosts, Japan and South Ko-

rea, would be allowed to play.

The Asian confederation's ex-

ecutive committee held an emer-

gency meeting in Bangkok. Afterward it said the boycott would

proceed unless FIFA, soccer's

world governing body, expanded

the number of Asian slots. Asia will

have four teams in the 2002 finals.

but two of them will be the hosts.

Graham Kelly, the chief ex-

ecutive of the governing body of

English soccer, resigned Tuesday.

Kelly approved a promised loan of

£3.2 million (\$5.39 million) to

Welsh soccer's governing body al-

legedly in exchange for votes for

English candidates in elections to

the executive committee of FIFA.

which governs world soccer, and

The English Football Associ-

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man, who agreed to the loan. He

UEFA, its European equivalent.

Asian Boycott On Hold

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WORLD ROUNDUP A Game Evolves With Its Country

Color Lines Fading, Soccer Strides Forward in South Africa

By Rob Hughes International Herald Tribune

OHANNESBURG — The swiftest way for a man to cover the ground is to obey nature, to run as instinct dictates. The most enduring manner of bringing change to a country and the way it lives, in sport or outside it, is to free the chains and let progress run its natural course.

So it is in Johannesburg as Nelson Mandela's five-year presidency nears its end. On a soccer field not far from where Mandela was taken from his Sowetan home many moons ago, the Orlando Pirates on Saturday outwitted Witswatersrand University to win a South African Premier Soccer League match, 3-1.

The score probably best reflected Wits' flair for missing penalties — or for failing to beat William Okpara. Orlando's remarkable Nigerian interna-tional goalie — with either of them. But it isn't the nitty-gritty of how a match was won or lost that is important: It is the movement, the meaning, the mo-mentous progress that has taken South Africa's most popular sport from the dark years of apartheid to a freedom which, symbolically, is celebrated on Wednesday with the Nelson Mandela Inauguration Challenge. In the 80,000-seat, soon to be 120,000 seat FNB National Stadium in Johan-

nesburg, South Africa begins a new era under a new coach, Trott Moloto, against an old adversary, Egypt, the African champion. Mandela, of course will be there, not merely for the sport but to inaugurate officially South Africa's bid to be host of the World Cup in 2006.

The aged leader is looking well. He knows the value of patience, the diplomacy of nudging progress along but not attempting to force the unenforceable.

Up and down the country, possibly presuming that votes will follow population.

ulist efforts to accelerate the pace of integration, leaders of South Africa's National Sports Council and the ruling

By Christopher Clarey
International Herald Tribune

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — There

will be no belated gold medals for the

American and British swimmers beaten

by the East Germans at the 1976 and

1980 Summer Olympics. Nor will there

be any official compensation or mod-

ified form of recognition from the In-

many that substantiate claims of sys-

nounced over the weekend that it has no

intention of revising the Olympic record

Despite recent court rulings in Ger-

ternational Olympic Committee.

African National Congress committee on sport clamor for black and mixedrace representation on the "filly-white" rugby and cricket teams. Luln Xing-wana, chairman of the committee, has pledged the ANC to legislation next year to enforce black selection in na-

Cricketers, rugby players, athletes of every rank and color, oppose legislation. They oppose tokenism, oppose the

VANTAGE POINT

idea of weakening a winning team by selection not strictly based on merit. They aspire to a place on the team, but as some of the most gifted young, black cricketers have been saying, they want recognition for their talent, not their color.

for their talent, not their color.

To soccer's credit, through the worst of the apartheid years and in the townships where repression was at its worst, the sport was not only organized, not only an outlet for identity and joy, but always something blacks would share with any whites who had the courage to ioin them.

The match on Saturday was a mi-crocosm of what had gone before. Color was of no consequence. Perhaps few noticed that the five Wits University players who had pale skins all appeared to be defenders. The engine room, the midfield, was powered by blacks, and the wings and scoring positions were filled by blacks.

For Orlando, on the right, Steve Lekoelea covered the turf like a gazelle. On the left, a winger sported the name B. Silent — Brendon Silent is his full name. In the midfield, John Moen, who will captain the national team on Wednesday, has a change of pace and di-rection that deceives opponents. At his side, sturdy and strong, Daume Ngobe slipped defensive duties in one breath-

taking, storming run.
Suddenly, he advanced, the strides gathering pace, the path a straight line for the Witwatersrand goal. Wits de-

Despite Doping, Olympic Medals Stand

petition from the British Olympic As-

ociation on behalf of Sharron Davies,

'The executive board considers that

the IOC made it clear that it wanted to

discourage any such appeals in the fu-

unfortunately there are too many vari-

ables involved to attempt to rewrite Olympic history," said Francois Carrard, the IOC's director general.

The executive board recommended

that any athletes who used prohibited

Olympic museum in Lausanne.

relay team in Montreal and a similar added that the "IOC expresses its regret

fenders shied away from his route, static in their yellow jerseys as Ngobe was

pulled towards glory.

It almost, but not quite, had the perfect ending. As Ngobe cocked his right leg to shoot, a defender's boot slid in. The shot flew off course, and the flight

of fantasy was over.

Later, in the Witwatersrand clubhouse where players who earn \$1,000 a month mingled, the progress was pinned to the walls. A sequence of pho-tographs of victorious Witwatersrand University teams revealed this pattern: the 1983 team that won the Pretoria Cup, no blacks; the 1987 squad, one

black; the 1989 squad, fifty-fifty. Today, the university that was a privileged seat of learning allows itself to import, from anywhere in South Africa, five players who did not come through its scholastic ranks.

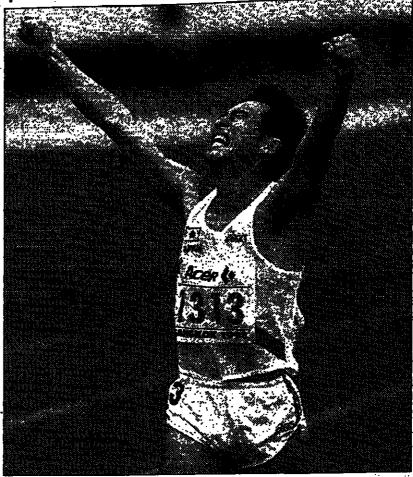
Among its opponents Saturday was a likable, up-and-coming player who represents the changing times in South Africa and the progress that needs no

Oupa (Papi) Khomane is 23 and a child of Soweto's struggle. His father was a professional soccer player and his five brothers and sisters played, as Papi did, on the grounds of apartheid. Papi Khomane is on standby to make his international debut in Nelson Mandels's Challeges. dela's Challenge.

He might have made it sooner had soccer been the priority in his life. Instead, Khomane committed himself to education and a week ago celebrated his diploma in sports management from Rand Afrikaans University with a pledge to go back for more letters to his name.

Tall, lean and fit, he intends to approach the future in mind and body, a future that is South Africa's hope. With his ilk, rather than through enforced legal attempts, the future is finer than a soccer player striding forward, obeying nature.

Rob Hughes is chief sports writer of



Yasunori Uchitomi of Japan winning the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

China Stays Dominant With 8 More Gold Medals

BANGKOK - Li Meisu, a 39-yearold Chinese shot-putter, overcame creaky knees to win a gold medal at the Asian Games on Tuesday, but the country's fledgling baseball team was no match for a South Korean pitcher who struck out eight in a row.

'I feel that in some events athletes retire too early," said Li, who last won an Asian Games gold medal in 1982.

ASIAN GAMES

She won an Olympic bronze in 1988, but competes with a limp and against that Olympic athletes who followed the

Li called her latest gold a present for her son's sixth birthday. She won with a throw of 18.96 meters (62.5 feet), ahead of a compatriot, Cheng Xiaoyan, who took the silver with a toss of 18.55

It was one of eight golds China won Tuesday, boosting its total for the games to 92. Its victories included a sweep of both volleyball titles, with victories over South Korea in both the women's nesday, the Indians had a perfect 6-0 and men's finals.

South Korea was next with 47 golds, and was closing in on another in baseball, where the pitcher Kim Byung Hyun struck out 12 batters — including eight in a row — in six innings of relief as the Koreans beat China, 9-2.

That put South Korea in the goldmedal game against Japan, a 9-8 winner over Taiwan in the day's other semifinal. South Korea has Chan Ho Park. the Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher, rested and ready.

Japan has 41 golds after winning three in track and field, three in its native sport of karate, and one in synchronized swimming.

Yasunori Uchitomi, disappointed with bronze in his hometown of Hiroshima in the 1994 Asian Games, won the 3,000-meter steeplechase ahead of

Hamid Sajdjadi-Hazaveh of Iran. Koji Ito, the men's 100-meter champion, anchored Japan's 100-meter relay team to victory, and Masaki Morinaga style.

won the men's long jump.

Aside from the shot-put gold, China

had a victory in the women's 100-meter relay, anchored by the event's individual champion, Li Xuemei. South Korea gained golds Tuesday in archery, soft tennis and equestrian in-

dividual dressage. The archer Kim Jo-

Sun finished first by defeating a teammate, Lee Eun Kyung, the 1992 Olympic champion, in a three-arrow shoot-out. The Koreans gained their third softtennis gold with a victory over a Taiwan pair in women's doubles, but Taiwan

broke the monopoly by winning the men?s doubles. The horse riders Suh Jung Kyun, Shin Chang Moo and Choi Myung Jin swept the top three positions in dressage, but Toshihide Takechi of Japan took the

bronze under games' rules limiting one nation to only two medals in any one In the South Asian sport of kabaddi, India, the defending champion, clinched another gold medal. Going into the final day of the Games on Wedrecord, out of reach of their closest

competitors, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. China and Kazakhstan each won individual pursuit races in cycling. Vadim Kravchenko of Kazakhstan beat Noriyuki lijima of Japan in the men's fourkilometer race. The winning time was 4 minutes, 42.799 seconds. Wang Qingzhi of China defeated a teammate, Zhao Haijuan, in the women's three-kilome-

ter race. Igor Potapovich of Kazakhstan, won gold in pole vault. Kazakhstan has 16 golds, just behind Taiwan, which has 17 including its victory in karate Tuesday.

Miya Tachibana of Japan won her second gold of the games when she teamed with Miho Takeda for the synchronized swimming duet title, ahead of Yoo Na Mi and Jang Yoon Kyeong of South Korea.

Atsuko Wakai of Japan took gold in the women's kata competition of karate, in which competitors are rated on

To serve as a memento to this period refused to resign. (AP, Reuters) books. In rejecting the American petition on behalf of its women's medley in Olympic history," said Carrard, who

scandal continued to spread Tuesday. of the Salt Lake bidding committee.

member of Melbourne's bid committee

"It was represented to us that they either did not have the funds or were

mittee's president. He said Intermountain Health Care - later named the medical bers refused the committee's offer of provider for the 2002 games - was trybers received cash during Melbourne's airline tickets to Australia. "Then they'd ing to support the Salt Lake bid. All three

timized by those who did not." But the IOC executive board concluded that setting the precedent of modifying results long after the event would

rules in good faith may have been vic-

open the way to myriad legal and logistical problems. "It would be a bottomless pit," said Kevan Gosper, an executive board member from Australia.

Bill Hybl, president of the United States Olympic Committee, which filed tematic doping by some East German substances or methods and wished to swimmers, the IOC executive board and demonstrate sportsmanship should the petition on behalf of the 1976 relay team, expressed regret at the IOC's decision, but said the USOC did not intend donate their Olympic medals to the to pursue the issue.

The American petition was based on a recent German court case in which former swimming coach, Rolf Glaeser, was convicted of giving steroids to minors and fined. One of the minors cited in the case was Andrea Pollack, a member of the East German medley relay team in 1976.

The case for Davies, a 1980 silver medalist in the 400-meter individual medley behind the East German Petra Schneider, was based on Schneider's admission of steroid use from an early

Neither the USOC nor the British

Australian dollars (\$6,195) to IOC mem-said the requests for free treatment came Ripples from the Olympic bribery bers, but denying they were in exchange from Tom Welch, the local bidding comfor votes.

ICE HOCKEY

NHL Standings

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record book.

New Allegations in Bribery Scandal

Newspapers in Australia reported that International Olympic Committee memunsuccessful bid for the 1996 Olympics, say: 'I want U.S. dollars to pay for the In Salt Lake City, a health-care provider return trip," the official said. said it had given free care at the request

as admitting payments of up to 10,000

The official said about six IOC mem-

The Salt Lake City Tribune reported

that Intermountain Health Care donated The Australian, a newspaper, quoted a nearly \$28,000 in medical services to three Africans associated with the IOC.

from Third World countries where these hree Africans associated with the IOC. medical procedures were not per-Daron Cowley, a company spokesman, formed, "Cowley said. (AFP, AP) (AFP, AP)

association was asking for medals to be stripped. Instead, they wanted "appropriate medal recognition" for their athletes in the form of duplicate gold medals, certificates or an asterisk in the

SCOREBOARD

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Miyasi). SOFTTENNIS

MEANS DOUBLES

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SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING WOMEN'S DUST

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China, 18.66; 3. Kroseyan Juthapam. Thai-WOMEN'S 4 : 100-METER RELAY

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Jing, Taiwan MEN'S DOUBLES Gold — China (Kong Linghui and Liu Gi-bliang) def. South Korea (Lee Chul Seung and Oh Sang-cun) 21-17, 21-13.

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176; 9. Kosle, 146; 10. Amiez, 142.

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Avalanche **And Blues** Battle to a Scoreless Tie

The Associated Press DENVER - Grant Fuhr is not the goalie he was in the 1980s when he helped the Edmonton Oilers win five

Stanley Cups.
But Fuhr, 36, showed signs of his past brilliance Monday night when he and

NHL BOUNDUP

Colorado's Patrick Roy both gave flaw-less performances as the Sr. Louis Blues and the Avalanche played to a 0-0 tie. "I am tired after playing six straight periods, but am playing with a lot more

consistency after missing some time with the injury," said Fuhr, who missed 11 games with a strained groin and returned Saturday in a 4-3 loss to Pittsburgh. "I had the chance to get more comfortable and had more of a feeling

Roy stopped 32 shots, while Fuhr

Roy, who was involved in a scoreless. tie on Nov. 2, 1996, against Buffalo's Dominik Hasek, recorded his 43d career shutout and his second of the season against St. Louis. Fuhr earned his 24th

Fuhr preserved his part of the blanking by stopping a screened shot by Aaron Miller three minutes into overgime. Seconds later, he blocked another blast by Miller and a rebound chance by Milan Hejduk.

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Colorado killed a penalty in the final 42 seconds. St. Louis, winless in its last five games, never got a shot on goal in overtime. "Both teams played well de-fensively," said Bob Hartley, the Colorado coach. "There wasn't much room in front of either net.

Fuhr added: "This was one of those nights where the puck wasn't going to go in. We played hard to get a point and they played well, too.'

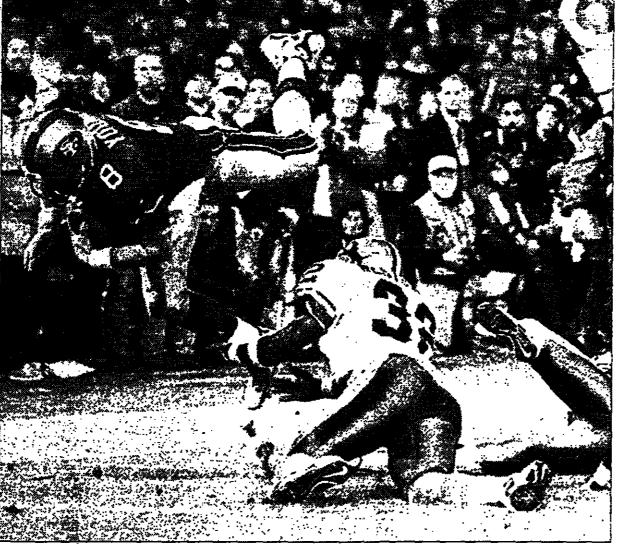
ingers 5, Flames 2 Marc Savard and Adam Graves scored power-play goals in the first period to lift New York over visiting Calgary. -

The Rangers got another power-play goal from Petr Nedved in the third period. They converted three of five chances with the man advantage to snap a two-game losing streak.

Canadiens 2, Coyotes 2 In Montreal.

Teppo Numminen scored with 1:53 left in the third as Phoenix rallied twice in that period to tie Montreal.

The game was marred for Phoenix by an injury to its scoring leader, Keith Tkachuk, who did not play the thirdperiod after suffering a groin injury. The



The 49ers' Steve Young being spilled by the Lions' Bryant Westbrook after a 17-yard dash to the five-yard line.

Hearst Stars as Niners Run Over Lions

SAN FRANCISCO - Garrison Hearst, the San Francisco running back, upstaged Barry Sanders of Detroit as the : 49ers concentrated on their running game to defeat the Lions, 35-13.

Hearst ran for a team-record 198 yards and Steve Young threw for one score and ran for another in the game Monday night

Sanders went nowhere against the San Francisco defense, which the previous week gave up 203 yards rushing in a 31-28 overtime victory at Carolina.

San Francisco hardly needed itsleague-leading passing attack, setting a team record with 328 rushing yards. Young was 12-of-18 for 82 yards. Detroit (5-9) was eliminated from

playoff contention with the loss, and the Lions also lost their quarterback, Charlie Batch, in the second quarter. He went out with a back injury after being sacked by Chris Doleman and Brentson Buckner and was replaced by Frank

Sanders, who rushed for 175 yards in

his last meeting against San Francisco two years ago, was held to 28 yards on 14 carries. He had averaged 102 yards per game this season.

·Hearst had 127 yards by halftime and ripped off key gains in each of San Francisco's five scoring drives. Hearst had a five-yard scoring run in the first

In the second quarter, Terry Kirby had a one-yard touchdown run and Terrell Owens caught a one-yard touch-down pass. San Francisco was up. 21-0. at the half.

Young ran for 66 yards, including a nine-yard touchdown run with 5:46 remaining in the third period. Kirby added

Dad Gets Christmas Wish: His Son Loses

A warm and wonderful story for this holiday season: Brian Griese's father, Bob Griese, gets his wish: His son's football team, the Denver Broncos, lost, so his team, the 1972 Miami Dolphins, remain the NFL's only perfect team.

As the Broncos were moving toquarterback for the 1972 Dolphins,

back for the Broncos, he didn't want him sharing any of his glory.

"I can't understand where he's coming from," Brian Griese said. "But I know how he is, and he don't want to share nothing with nobody.

Bill Romanowski, a Denver linebacker, said: "It's too bad. I would think a dad would want his son to go ward a 19-0 season. Bob Griese, a undefeated and do what he did. I would think a dad would want to

In Flurry of Trades, Clemens Stays Put

Baseball Meetings End With Burst of Action

NASHVILLE, Tennessee - Edgar Renteria. Butch Huskey and Brant Brown found new homes. But the Toronto Blue Javs went home from baseball's winter meetings without trading Roger Clemens.

The meetings produced more than a half-dozen deals Monday, plus this juicy tidbit: Ricky Williams, the runnine back who won the Heisman trophy as the best in college football, was picked by Montreal in baseball's major league draft, though he may be headed to the Texas Rangers.

Yet there was no movement for another University of Texas star athlete. Clemens, a pitcher who has won five Cy Young awards, is coveted by nine teams, but the Blue Jays left without doine a deal.

Clubs are still formulating their offers, adding and subtracting players, said Gord Ash, the Toronto general manager, "We're not satisfied with any proposals from any clubs. The clubs are not satisfied with our proposals."

Clemens asked Toronto to trade him to a contender or closer to his Houston

"All is quiet," said Ash, who had wanted to finish a deal for Clemens at the meetings. "We've had a few minor conversations, not anything of any significant substance.

The big deal of the day came shortly before midnight when the Florida Marlins traded Renteria, their All-Star shortstop and hero of the 1997 World Series, to the St. Louis Cardinals for

an outfielder, to Seattle: the Chicago Cubs dealt Brown, an outfielder, to Pittsburgh for Jon Lieber, a pitcher: St. Louis sent Mark Petkovsek, a pitcher, to Anaheim and Minnesota sent Alex Ochoa, an outfielder, to Milwaukee.

A couple of free-agent catchers signed — Bill Haselman with Detroit

and Chad Kreuter with Kansas City.
The New York Yankees, Houston and Cleveland remained at the top of the list of teams pursuing Clemens. Texas, Colorado and the Mets are also interested. George Steinbrenner, the Yankees owner, likes Clemens, but has not in-

dicated whether he wants to give up the players and cash to complete a trade. In the end, when decisions have to be made, we'll make a recommendation and he'll decide one way or another.' said Brian Cashman, the Yankees GM. Sometimes he listens, sometimes he doesn't.'

A minor leaguer with impressive numbers — in football — attracted attention in the draft of players left off 40-

At first, there was hardly a ripple in the room when Montreal announced it had taken Errick L. Williams. But he is better known as Ricky Williams, the Heisman winner and a cousin of Cecil Fielder.

Williams hit .283 in Class A for Philadelphia last season, his best average in four pro seasons. Texas was expected to trade in the next few days for him.

"It doesn't really matter what I think about him," said Jim Beattle, the Expos GM. "He's an outfielder, I know that. I know he has some value for our orthree top prospects. ganization by way of having value to The New York Mets traded Huskey, another organization."

NBA Talks Going Nowhere Fast

By Mike Wise

New York Times Service NEW YORK - They have tried

small, secretive meetings in the office of a law firm and large, scheduled gatherings in the ballroom of a hotel. But Monday, as the 167th day of the lockout passed, it appeared that nothing the players and owners do has done

much to salvage the National Basketball Association season. Two days after a negotiating session broke off after less than 30 minutes, neither the league nor the union was optimistic about a rapid sentlement to

the contentious labor dispute. 'I don't expect there to be any talks NBA's deputy commissioner. "We just hat to talk about any-

He added: "The more frustrated you get, the more you want to set a deadline to cancel the season. But we refuse to do

The union was hoping to jump-start the talks and help end the five-month dispute by offering concessions to the owners over the weekend. But the league viewed the concessions as having little impact toward helping the owners achieve some kind of cost cer-

With a month needed to restart the season, total salary losses will top more than \$400 million by mid-January. If another week goes by before an agreement is signed, the league may be forced to play less than a 50-game season — a this week," said Russ Granik, the number several observers feel is a benchmark for the owners weighing whether or not to scrap the entire

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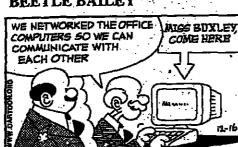






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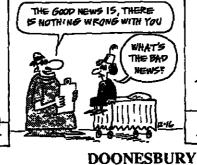


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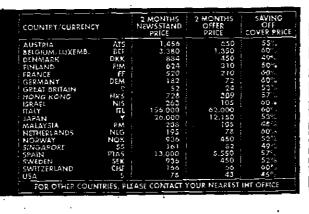




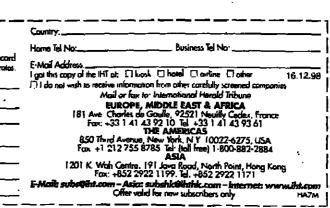




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The Great Debate

By Russell Baker

EW YORK — Greatest Nation on God's Green public servant. th (Statesmanship Dept.): 'He did.'' 'He didn t.'' 'He did too.' 'He did not.''

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Starr and Linda Tripp are parasites on the public payroll." James Carville is a para-

site on whatever payrolf he's "What's more, the public is sick and tired of the whole

thing."
Polls showing a sick-andtired public cannot be per-mitted to stay Congress from the swift completion of its harsh and cruel duty."

Of course they can. 'No they can't.' "They can too." 'Can't.'

*Especially whatever he did is unimpeachable." 'Impeachable.' 'Unimpeachable.''

"Unimpeacha." 'Imp, imp, imp.'' And so the Greatest Nation

marches onward to ever greater greatness. New York Times Service

God's Green Earth

Jeffrey Katzenberg Bets All on 'Prince of Egypt'

By Bernard Weinraub New York Times Service

OS ANGELES — Jeffrey Katzenberg Lwas talking about the film that has consumed him for nearly five years. "You can't do in 'Prince of Egypt' what you did in 'Little Mermaid' and 'Beauty and the " said Katzenberg, referring to two of the animated hits that stamped his career as president of Walt Disney Studios.

There are no dancing teapots here, no cute little cuddly animals or outrageous sidekicks," he said. "There are no cheerful musical respites. This is not a cartoon. Nobody does those movies better than Disney. Had we tried, the best we could have done would have been Avis to their Hertz. So why try?"

Katzenberg, long departed from Disney in a hugely bitter divorce and now a co-owner of Dreamworks, was sitting in a coffee shop at a Pasadena hotel before talking up Prince with reporters for religious publications. Opening in the United States and 40 other countries on Friday, "The Prince of Egypt," a \$75 million (and that may be a low figure) animated version of the biblical saga of Moses, has been lavishly promoted and

widely anticipated.
Not only is "The Prince of Egypt" a significant animated undertaking, but the film is viewed by agents, producers and rival studio executives as a test of how Katzen-berg would pursue animation on his own after shepherding its revival at the traditional center of gravity, Disney.

What makes Dreamworks executives

nervous - and what fascinates rivals at Disney and in the rest of Hollywood - is that Katzenberg has helped shape a somber musical saga designed for adults and chil-

dren who are not toddlers.

Beyond this, Katzenberg said, perhaps grandiosely, that he had sought to put animation to different uses and make a film that borrows far less from Disney and its cartoon tradition and far more from David Lean's 'Lawrence of Arabia." and even, in some ways, from the French impressionist Claude Monet and from the biblical exchings of the 19th-century illustrator Gustave Doré.

'Maybe it's too extreme, maybe we've gone too far, maybe the big idea doesn't work," said a nervous Katzenberg, a founder of Dreamworks with Steven Spielberg and David Geffen, describing the film that is certainly the biggest risk of his career. ance, with chiseled features; the Israelites
Preparing for the film, Katzenberg and his more curved and their shapes are looser.

team of artists and animators visited Egypt and the Sinai Peninsula and then sought to create an animated style that, they hoped, differed from Disney's. Faces were elong-ated, for instance, to make them more real-

istic and expressive. As in any animated film, extraordinary attention was paid to the movie's palette. But the contrasts in "The Prince of Egypt" are striking. The pharaoh's palace is splendid and chilly, all white and light pastels, in contrast to the warm, burnished colors of the modest dwellings of the Israelites in Goshen.

"The world of the Hebrews is more organic," Richie Chavez, the film's art director, says in the movie's production notes. "We gave Goshen more of a rounded, eroded look because the homes were made of mud brick, which is weathered by the rain, the wind and the sand. The homes are asymmetrical and out of kilter to give them a flow and ebb that the angular Egyptian side doesn't have." The faces of the Egyptian characters are more sculptured in appearance, with chiseled features; the Israelites are

A scene from the Dreamworks animated feature, "The Prince of Egypt." Katzenberg said that animators and artists on the film had seen "Lawrence of Arabia" (1962) numerous times, but that he had asked them not to see Cecil B. DeMille's "Ten Commandments' (1956). "I didn't want

them intimidated, because the images in that film are so powerful and so strong, 'he said. Katzenberg has already consulted about 700 Bible scholars, Egyptologists, divinity school teachers and religious leaders includ-ing the conservatives Jerry Falwell and Par Robertson. They were consulted on everything from the costumes to the compression of the story into 90 minutes to making sure the Bible tale was being retold in a way that would not offend Christians, Muslims or Jews.

Although Wal-Mart is promoting the film its stores. Dreamworks has decided against arranging fast-food tie-ins and toy spin-offs, in deference to the subject matter. So far, Wal-Mart has sold 600,000 advance nickets to the film.

"We tried to be uncompromising here—there's nothing cute and adorable in the film," Katzenberg said: "In other words, we didn't make the camel funny. You know how easy it new out there for you," Katzenberg said.

is to make a camel funny? Trust me, there's no animal on this planet that's funnier than a camel. We thought of it. We dropped it.'
On a personal level, Katzenberg is plainly seeking to prove two things to his former boss, Michael Eisner, chairman of Walt Dispersonal Cone is that the commany's huga success

ney. One is that the company's huge success with such animated films as "The Little Mermaid, "Beauty and the Beast," "Aladdin" and "The Lion King" was largely due to him. The second is that he could take animation to a new level. (Disney remains the dominant studio for animation, and its most recent film, "A Bug's Life," made with Pixar, is one of

the year's biggest successes.) Eisner refused to promote Karzenberg from his studio chief's job to the president of the company in 1994, forcing him to leave. In a contentious legal battle, Katzenberg sued Disney and said he was owed 2 percent of the profit, or about \$250 million, from the projects he oversaw in his decade at the company. Both sides said the lawsuit had been settled, but the financial details are still unresolved.

Katzenberg said be had "a fantastic partnership for 19 years" with Eisner. He added, He clearly brought out the best in me, and I like to think I was a pretty good partner to him. The departure, he insisted, was actually a blessing in disguise. The great fortune for me is I moved on to something better." Karzenberg said.

Katzenberg said he had not read Eisner's recently published memoir, "Work in Progress," written with Tony Schwartz. In the book, Eisner said that Katzenberg was overly aggressive and not especially suitable to hold the No. 2 job at the corporation.

"The Prince of Egypt" has a top-tier cast of actors speaking the animated roles: Val Kilmer (Moses), Ralph Fiennes (Rameses), Michelle Pfeiffer (Tzipporah, who becomes the wife of Moses). Danny Glover (Jethro), Sandra Bullock (Miriam), Helen Mirren (the Queen) and Jeff Goldblum (Aaron).

Katzenberg and Dreamworks have an enormous stake in the film because of its risks and cost and also because its release is probably more anticipated than even that of the Dreamworks drama "Saving Private Ry-

So far, early reviews of "The Prince of Egypt" in magazines and trade papers have been good. "Reviews are very important, and not necessarily for lavishing praise but also to inform an audience that, whatever the film's imperfections, hey, there's something

PEOPLE

THE marriage of Linda Hamilton James Cameron has oundered. The actress cited irreconilable differences in a divorce petition hat she filed Monday, and is seeking ustody of their 5-year-old daughter, osephine, although she is willing to llow visits with the Oscar-winning diector of "Titanic." The Los Angeles Jounty Superior Court filing also seeks pouse and child support, and requests heir assets be divided. The couple mar-

ied June 24, 1997. which he is accused of tealing another songwriter's tune, the composer Andrew Lloyd Webber testfied that he doesn't like to listen to nusic in cars or restaurants and scoffed at the suggestion that he could remember every song he had ever heard. That's a silly question. Of course I aton't." he said. "I hate it when it's in a

restaurant or in a car or a taxi. My driver

has instructions never to have the radio

Lloyd Webber testified in a civil

to determine whether he had based a melody from "The Phantom of the Opera" on one written by Ray Repp. a composer of religious songs and a Baltimore clothing salesman.

The Grammy-winning singer Billy Preston has pleaded guilty to insurance fraud and agreed to testify against other defendants in an alleged scam that net-

ted about \$1 million. Preston was already in prison for violating probation on a cocaine possession conviction. Six other people are charged in the case, which alleges they set fires, staged thefts and rigged auto crashes in 18 bogus insurance claims.

"Doggie-gate" is over. A jury ordered President Bill Clinton's half-brother,

British Model Denies Assault Charges

EW YORK - The model Naomi Campbell denied allegations that she assaulted a former assistant and threatened to throw her from a moving car. She asked a New York court on Monday to dismiss the complaint against her. In seeking \$8 million in a civil suit filed in Manhattan Supreme Court in October. Georgia Galanis charged that she suffered emotional distress and physical injuries at the hands of Campbell during an eight-day period in

Toronto in September. Galanis contends that Campbell slapped her, hit her on the head with a phone, threatened to throw her out of a moving car and slammed her against a wall. Campbell's attorney. John Rosenberg, said that the model "intends to vigorously defend herself in this suit" and that "she will be vindicated."

Roger, to pay \$1,285.10 to a man who was bitten in a dogfight between their pooches. Jeff Klempan, a Los Angeles tree-trimmer, said the fight was the fault of Clinton's dog because it ran out of its master's house and attacked his dog while it was leashed. Klempan, nipped trying to break up the fight, sought com-pensation for medical bills, lost wages, pain and suffering. The jury threw out a \$300,000 countersuit by Clinton, who claimed he had suffered mental anguish from watching the two dogs fighting.

Senator Bob Kerrey, the Nebraska profile romance with the actress Debra Winger, has a new love interest: Sarah Paley, a New York screenwriter who once wrote for "Saturday Night Live," the Omaha World-Herald reported. She was in Nebraska last weekend when Kerrey, who is divorced, announced that he would not run for president in 2000. The couple met in 1995 through a Kerrey friend who works for Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York.



UP AND AWAY — Helena Bonham Carter and Kenneth Branagh arrive at the Los Angeles premiere of their new movie, "The Theory of Flight."



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